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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary of Drug Prices

Types of drug	By Month			By Year		
	October_2023	November_2023	Change %	November_2022	November_2023	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	454	603	+33%	351	603	+72%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	466	619	+33%	372	619	+67%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	394	585	+48%	264	585	+122%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	404	598	+48%	275	598	+118%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	4931	6422	+30%	3843	6422	+67%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	4083	5696	+39%	3255	5696	+75%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	4014	4621	+15%	-	4621	-
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	144	184	+27%	94	184	+96%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	90	131	+45%	61	131	+115%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	62	102	+64%	35	102	+195%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.50	1.73	+15%	0.8	1.73	+112%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.048	1.20	+14%	1.49	1.20	-20%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.10	1.90	+73%	1.19	1.90	+60%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.64	0.75	+17%	0.88	0.75	-15%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.9	17.6	+11%	11.5	17.6	+53%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	9.5	11.1	+17%	9.2	11.1	+21%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.9	7.7	+10%	6.9	7.7	+10%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.10	3.40	+10%	3.13	3.40	+9%

2. Introduction

The Afghanistan drug price-monitoring report is implemented by the Narcotics Survey & Analysis Directorate. The monitoring of drug prices is carried out in selected provinces of Afghanistan since 1994. Opium price collected from 22 provinces in November 2023. The results provide a detailed picture of the prices of opiates on a monthly basis. The price of the opiates contributes towards understanding the opiate economy in Afghanistan and published in the Afghanistan opium survey reports annually. The price monitoring includes major licit crops, precursor-chemicals, illicit crops and Synthetic drugs which are included in the report since October 2019. And from the September 2023 on, the price of Ephedra plant, which is used in Methamphetamine production, is also used in this report. On the last page, the methodology section explained the method, that we prepared this report.

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3. Opium

3.1 Dry opium

3.1.1 Farm-gate price

The national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm-gate level was (US\$ 603/kg) at the end of November 2023 which is 33% Higher compared to the price reported in October 2023 (US\$ 454/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in November 2023 is 72% higher than the price reported in November 2022 which was (US\$ 351/kg).

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 - November 2023)



Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (October 2023 to November 2023)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Oct-23	Nov-23	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	540	685	+27%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	507	891	+76%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	555	686	+24%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	286	308	+8%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	414	524	+26%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	572	603	+5%
Average	454	603	+33%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 619/kg) at the end of November 2023 showing 33% increase compared to the price reported last month October 2023 (US\$ 466/kg). The average dry opium price at trader level in November 2023 is 67% higher than the price reported last year November 2022 which was (US\$ 372/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 83% in the Southern region, 27% in the Eastern region, 26% in the Northern region, 19% in the Western region and 9% in the North-eastern region.

Figure 2: National average price of dry opium at trader level US\$/kg (November 2022 to November 2023)

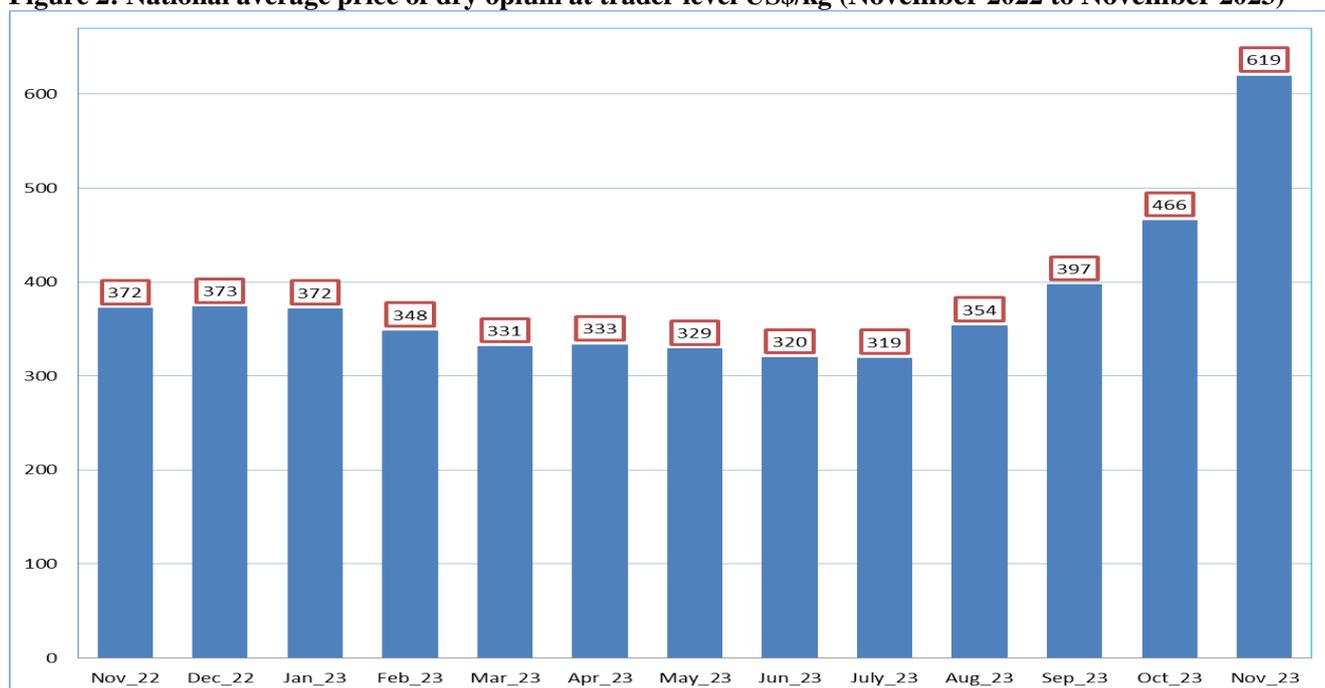


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (October 2023 to November 2023)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Oct-23	Nov-23	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	544	688	+27%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	511	935	+83%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	592	707	+19%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	296	322	+9%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	422	532	+26%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	466	619	+33%

3.2. Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality)

3.2.1. Farm-gate price

The price of opium (dry) was not found to be varying with quality in different regions. In Balkh and Hilmand provinces, another quality of dry opium by the name of *Chaynaki* is available at the farm-gate and trader level. The *Chaynaki* quality of dry opium is more air-dried than other varieties. The average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at the farm-gate level in Balkh province is (US\$ 915/kg) in November 2023 showing an increase of 62% compared to the price reported in October 2023 (US\$ 565/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is (US\$ 1198/kg) in November 2023 showing an increase of 73% compared to the price reported in October 2023 (US\$ 692/kg).

Table 4: Average price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at farm-gate level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Nov-Oct) %	Hilmand		Price change (Nov-Oct) %
	Oct-23	Nov-23		Oct-23	Nov-23	
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	565	915	+62%	692	1198	+73%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 922/kg) in November 2023 showing an increase of 61% compared to the price reported in October 2023 (US\$ 573/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 1204/kg) in November 2023 showing an increase of 73% compared to the price reported in October 2023 (US\$ 696/kg).

Table 5: Average price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at trader level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Nov-Oct) %	Hilmand		Price change (Nov-Oct) %
	Oct-23	Nov-23		Oct-23	Nov-23	
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	573	922	+61%	696	1204	+73%

Table 6: Regional average price of dry opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD Currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Dry Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Nov-Oct) (%)	Change at trader level (Nov-Oct) (%)
		Oct-23		Nov-23			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	138749	139715	193772	194718	+40%	+39%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	140936	142082	253662	266044	+80%	+87%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	32922	37072	41408	43266	+26%	+17%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	28672968	29126705	37879687	38301307	+32%	+31%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	20637	21411	21074	22022	+2%	+3%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	30469	31049	35666	36309	+17%	+17%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	42000	-	41000	-	-2%	-

* Western region is divided into two groups because of prices available in two currencies.

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of November 2023, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **48%** from (US\$ 394/kg) in October 2023 to (US\$ 585/kg) in November 2023 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **48%** from (US\$ 404/kg) in October 2023 to (US\$ 598/kg) in November 2023.

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level US\$/kg (June 2005 to November 2023)

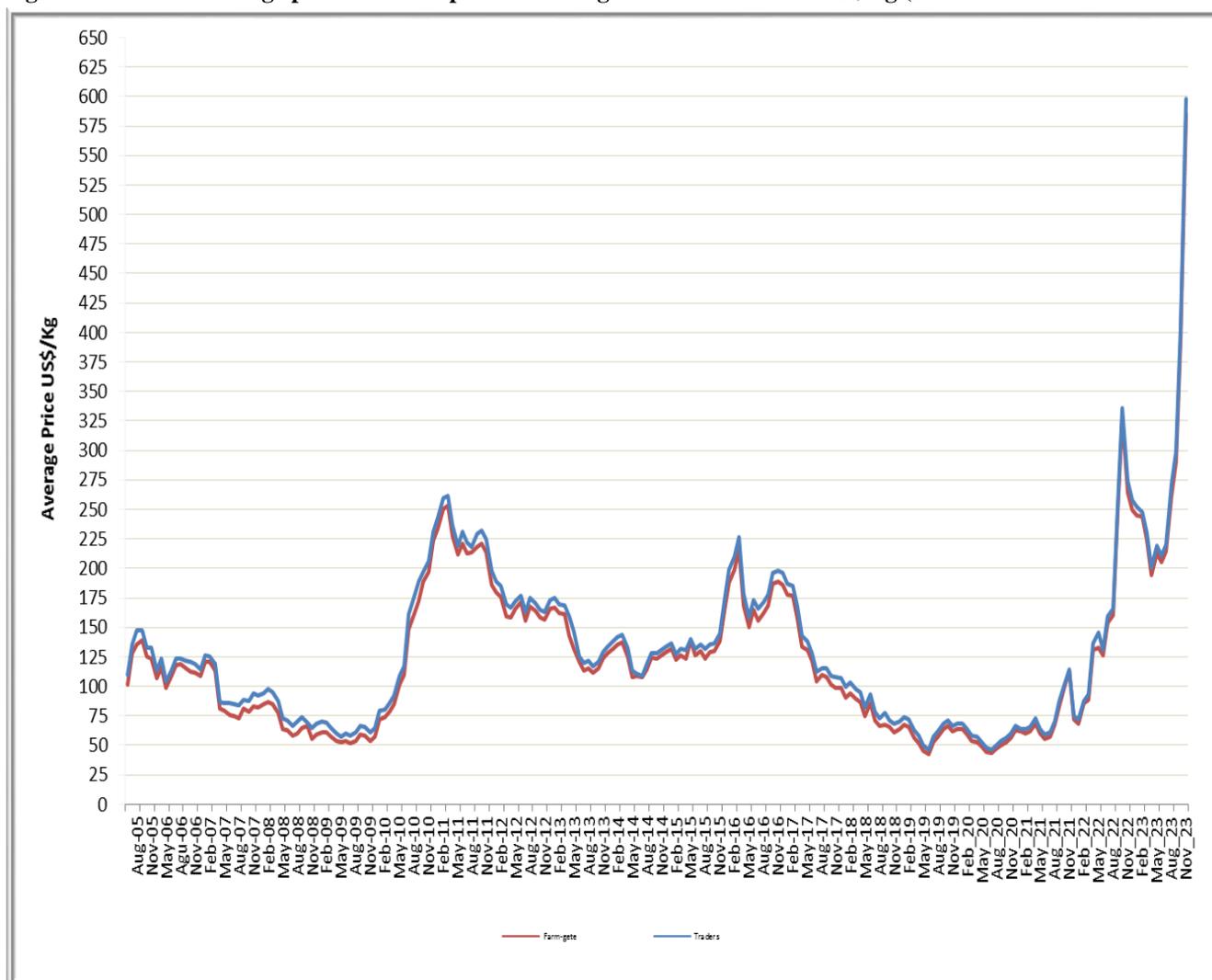


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Nov-Oct) (%)	Change at trader level (Nov-Oct) (%)
		Oct-23		Nov-23			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-	-	-	
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	112929	115205	180275	182711	+60%	+59%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	26826	28794	36637	38206	+37%	+33%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	20420433	20875687	29315107	29694328	+44%	+42%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	22862	23346	26275	26942	+15%	+15%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	40250	-	39250	-	-2%	-

* Western region is divided into two groups because of prices available in two currencies.

4. Heroin

There are several types of heroin¹ available in Afghanistan with different qualities. The prices of white powder (Batan) in Nangarhar province, white powder (Batan) high and low quality in Kandahar, Helmand, Balkh and Faryab Provinces, Batan 100% and white powder (Crystal)-60% in Badakhshan, Takhar and Kunduz provinces and white powder (Crystal)-60%, white powder (Crystal)-40%, Morphine and bist powder in Hirat, Farah, Nimroz and Badghis provinces are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (US\$ 81/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 8: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), November 2022 – November 2023

Provinces	Types of heroin	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,983	4,024	4,018	3,890	4,015	3,983	3,890	4,043	4,079	4,201	4,823	4,547	4,932	+8%
Takhar	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,307	4,312	4,315	4,095	4,226	4,158	4,299	4,245	4,278	4,294	4,873	4,749	5,036	+6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,037	3,047	3,059	2,559	2,641	2,577	2,149	2,021	2,089	2,173	2,386	2,223	2,365	+6%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,584	4,599	4,589	4,095	4,226	4,100	4,504	4,346	4,378	4,481	5,178	4,901	5,242	+7%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	1,304	1,308	1,284	739	1,043	1,073	1,132	1,139	1,147	1,109	1,148	1,218	1,467	+20%
	Bist powder	665	667	663	582	539	568	566	569	575	558	577	620	771	+24%
	Chara # 1	85	87	87	69	64	71	73	75	77	75	80	88	148	+68%
	Chara # 2	58	60	59	48	46	57	59	62	63	61	64	74	103	+39%
	Khata # 1	56	58	56	46	44	51.5	52.4	54	55	53	56	63	95	+51%
	Khata # 2	40	40	39	35	33	37	40	41	43	42	44	49	81	+67%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,815	3,751	3,766	3,821	3,680	3,756	3,678	3,844	2,664	4,018	4,327	4,653	5,715	+23%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,984	2,931	2,933	2,957	2,853	2,934	2,857	2,957	2,959	3,092	3,349	3,682	4,103	+11%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,621	3,605	3,416	3,523	3,437	3,515	3,437	3,643	3,650	3,847	4,147	4,519	5,423	+20%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,585	2,558	2,391	2,443	2,330	2,519	2,447	2,543	2,543	2,654	2,962	3,305	3,884	+18%
	Bist powder - 20%	1,298	1,209	1,139	1,159	1,107	1,172	1,142	1,230	1,236	1,339	1,597	1,780	2,081	+17%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,129	3,021	3,718	3,256	2,835	2,794	2,796	2,792	2,798	3,685	3,929	4,226	7,247	+72%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,995	2,888	3,499	3,065	2,658	2,617	2,656	2,653	2,728	3,350	3,758	4,081	7,000	+72%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	6,034	5,176	5,095	4,463	3,898	4,208	4,368	4,293	4,547	6,700	6,970	7,440	10,905	+47%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	5,721	5,420	4,942	4,329	3,757	4,067	4,123	4,119	4,268	6,097	6,355	6,790	10,535	+55%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,129	2,910	2,930	3,294	2,840	2,794	2,761	2,758	2,763	3,618	3,758	4,081	7,282	+78%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,995	2,821	1,968	3,065	2,663	2,652	2,621	2,618	2,624	3,250	3,553	3,828	7,035	+84%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	6,034	5,109	5,030	4,405	3,906	3,890	4,228	4,258	4,477	6,700	6,901	7,368	10,905	+48%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	5,721	5,376	4,855	4,252	3,693	3,678	3,914	4,049	4,198	6,030	6,491	6,934	10,570	+52%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,769	1,838	1,735	1,726	1,937	1,991	1,841	2,010	2,060	2,191	2,252	2,422	2,640	+9%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,283	2,413	2,454	2,616	3,111	3,280	3,087	3,055	2,985	3,104	3,710	4,845	4,841	-0.1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,484	1,608	1,541	1,536	1,702	1,757	1,864	2,468	2,341	2,678	3,020	3,668	5,134	+40%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,290	3,277	3,469	3,840	4,429	5,354	+21%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,738	3,114	3,043	3,165	3,384	3,599	3,814	+6%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,283	2,298	2,569	2,389	3,005	3,010	3,029	2,938	2,985	3,408	3,775	4,637	5,721	+23%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	-	-	-	3,287	3,303	3,495	3,173	3,195	3,651	3,983	5,122	6,161	+20%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	2,630	2,636	2,679	2,350	2,376	3,104	3,319	4,429	5,427	+23%
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,911	3,240	3,368	3,185	3,287	3,280	2,932	2,409	2,751	2,775	3,020	3,211	3,814	+19%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	-	-	-	2,583	2,577	2,563	1,998	2,282	2,215	2,689	2,860	3,227	+13%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,077	3,643	3,804	3,773	3,840	4,083	5,134	+26%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	2,524	2,518	4,427	3,996	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Heroin is an opioid drug made from morphine, a natural substance taken from the seed pod of the various opium poppy plants grown in Southeast and Southwest Asia, Mexico, and Colombia. Heroin can be a white or brown powder, or a black sticky substance known as black tar heroin. Other common names for heroin include *big H*, *horse*, *hell dust*, and *smack*.

Table 9: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of heroin in other than USD currency

Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Nov-Oct)%
			Oct-23	Nov-23	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	328,500	336,960	+3%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	343,100	344,078	+0.3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	160,600	161,560	+0.6%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	354,050	358,122	+1.2%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	338,000	415,000	+23%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	172,000	218,000	+27%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	24,500	42,000	+71%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	20,500	29,000	+41%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	17,500	27,000	+54%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	13,500	23,000	+70%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	345,000	390,000	+13%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	273,000	280,000	+3%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	335,000	370,000	+10%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	245,000	265,000	+8%
	Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	132,000	142,000	+8%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,170,000	2,050,000	+75%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,130,000	1,980,000	+75%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,060,000	3,084,615	+50%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	1,880,000	2,980,000	+59%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,130,000	2,060,000	+82%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,060,000	1,990,000	+88%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,040,000	3,084,615	+51%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	1,920,000	2,990,000	+56%
Badghis	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	175,000	180,000	+3%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	350,000	330,000	-6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	265,000	350,000	+32%
	Bist powder	Afghani	320,000	365,000	+14%
	Morphine	Afghani	260,000	260,000	0%
	Morphine	Afghani	260,000	260,000	0%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	335,000	390,000	+16%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	370,000	420,000	+14%
	Morphine	Afghani	320000	370000	+16%
Nimruz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	232000	260000	+12%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	206600	220000	+6%
	Bist powder	Afghani	295000	350000	+19%
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-

5. Synthetic Drugs

Synthetic drugs are a dangerous chemical and it has intensive effects on health, and after a long time it makes consumer addicted, and can be potentially life threatening. Primary users, of these synthetic drugs are youths in Afghanistan; because products are cheap and easily accessible to teenagers everywhere, at stores, smoke shops and party ceremonies.

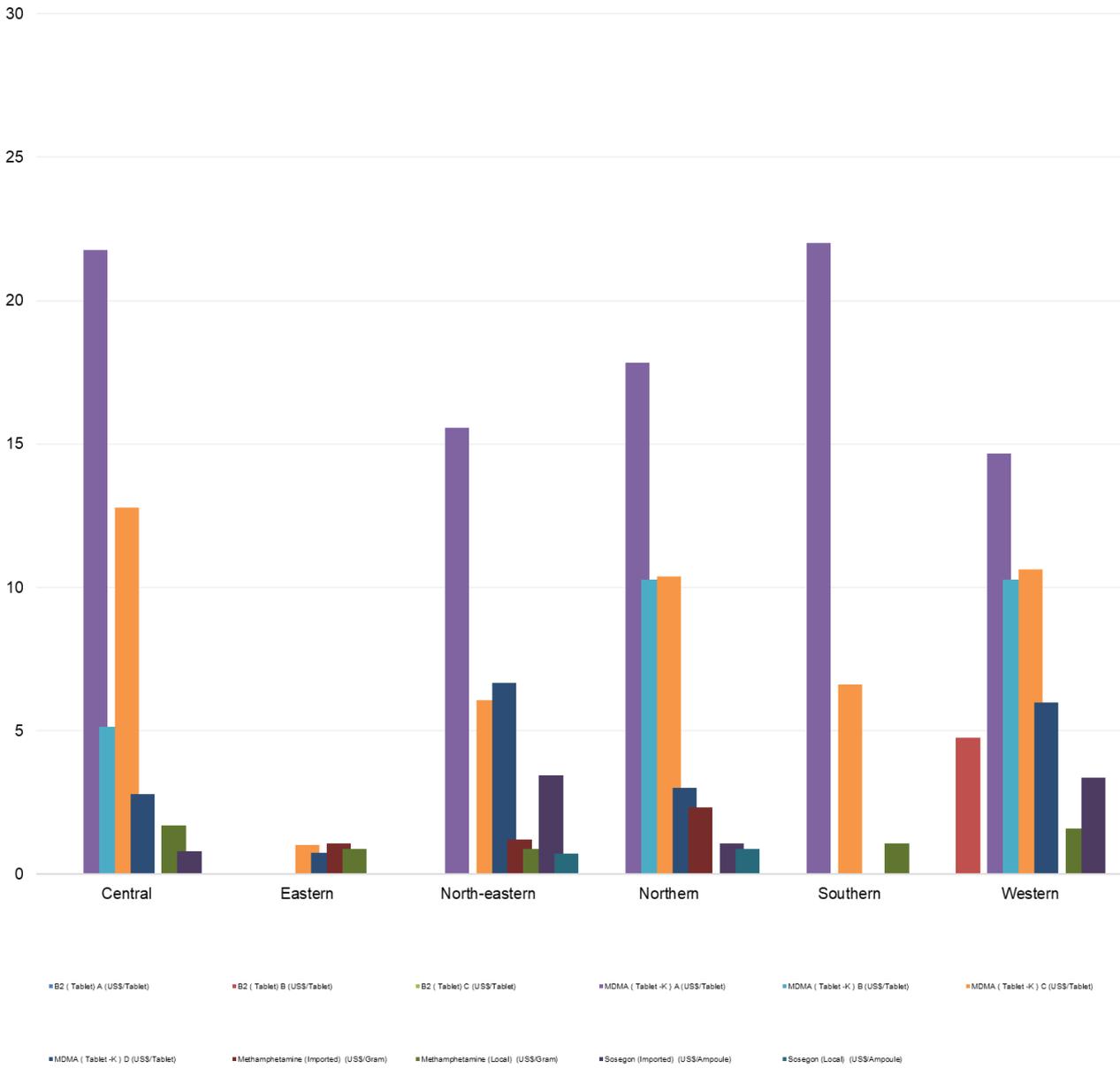
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details of its cheap price and accessible for youth.

² Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Also known as meth, blue, ice, and crystal, among many other terms, it takes the form of a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol.

Table 10: Prices of all types of Synthetic Drugs in (US\$/UNIT)

Region	Types of Synthetic Drugs	Nov_23
Central	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.69
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	21.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	12.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.8
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.1
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.9
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	1.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	0.7
North-eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.2
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.9
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	3.4
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	6.7
Northern	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	2.3
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	17.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	10.4
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.0
Southern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	22.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.6
Western	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.6
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	3.4
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	10.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	6.0
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	4.8

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- November 2023



6. Cannabis Resin

There are mainly three types of cannabis resin available in Afghanistan namely Garda # 1, # 2 and # 3 with quality as best, moderate and fair respectively. Garda # 1 (Shirak) in Badakhshan province was the most expensive cannabis resin because of its pure quality. Earlier Garda # 1 (Patnosi) of Balkh province was most expensive and popular because of its high quality however it lost its demand due to blending with lower quality hashish.

Table 11: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), November 2022–November 2023

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Types of resin	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Change (Nov-oct) %
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Garda # 1	43	43	43	37	34	36	39	39	40	37	41	47	49	+5%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	33	33	35	31	28	32	33	34	36	33	36	39	42	+7%
Nangarhar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	20	20	22	18	16	18	21	19	21	19	21	25	28	+12%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	85	82	121	142	116	129	116	130	132	129	124	148	220	+48%
Faryab	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	72	70	89	91	87	94	98	106	111	103	103	121	176	+45%
Faryab	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	50	47	63	68	58	64	60	71	77	73	64	81	147	+81%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Garda # 1	80	93	128	136	122	117	107	122	126	110	108	135	176	+30%
Balkh	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	64	70	99	102	99	94	86	94	98	85	79	94	147	+55%
Balkh	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	34	37	57	68	51	59	50	59	61	49	41	54	117	+117%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Garda # 1	90	88	118	148	117	141	133	139	141	121	121	152	205	+35%
Baghlan	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	61	59	97	114	93	117	110	114	118	97	98	120	147	+22%
Baghlan	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	44	40	64	80	58	82	74	85	87	73	68	90	117	+31%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	79	75	78	77	80	74	64	80	85	176	189	187	208	+11%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	91	84	82	82	85	80	73	88	94	183	195	194	217	+12%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	62	58	66	57	51	59	58	54	53	54	71	74	189	+155%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	40	38	39	34	25	28	28	27	27	30	46	48	149	+210%
Kandahar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	25	23	22	20	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	200	207	205	202	188	199	204	200	205	219	247	249	264	+6%
Hirat	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	96	138	137	148	94	100	105	100	94	103	111	118	125	+6%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Garda # 1	116	116	114	113	89	118	110	111	98	89	116	111	125	+12%
Panjshir	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Figure 5 Average price of cannabis resin (Garda #1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Nov 2022–Nov 2023

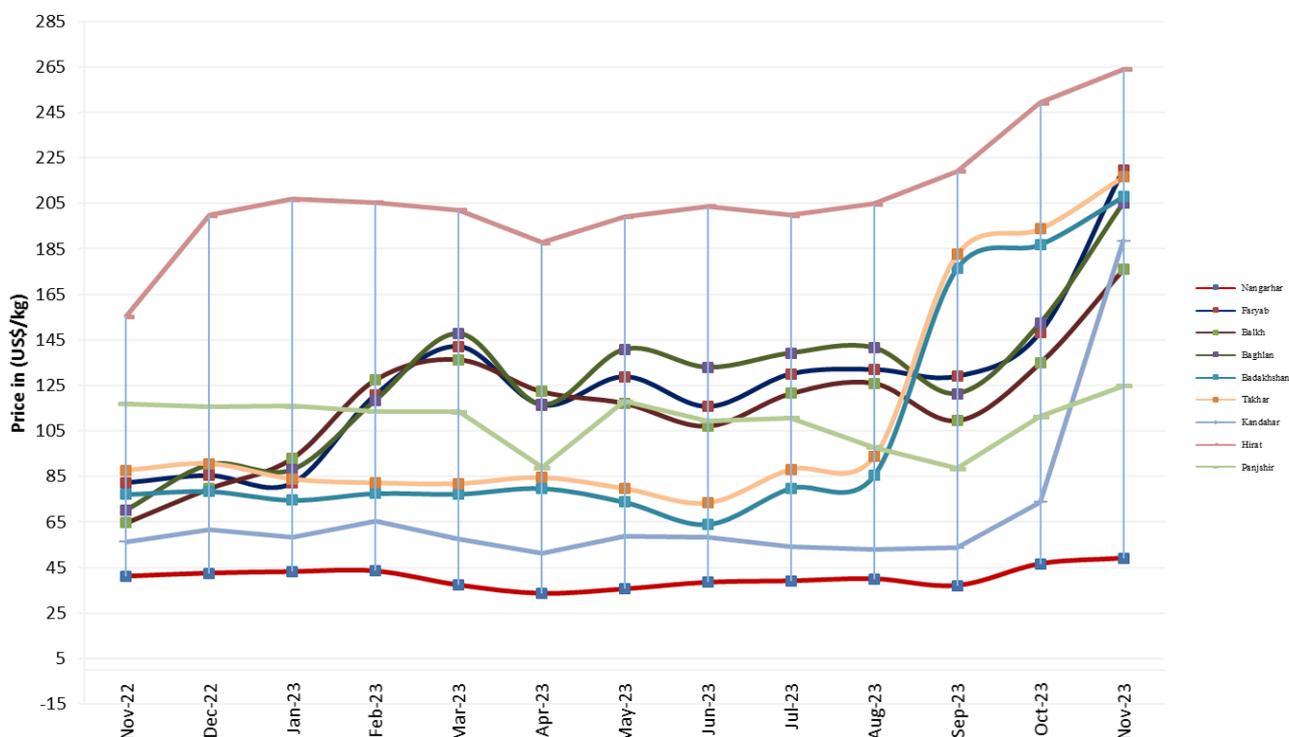


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), November 2023



Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Oct 2023 – Nov 2023

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Nov-Oct) %
			Oct-23	Nov-23	
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	13,000	14,000	+8%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	11,000	12,000	+9%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	8,000	+14%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	11,000	15,000	+36%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	9,000	12,000	+33%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	6,000	10,000	+67%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	10,000	12,000	+20%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	7,000	10,000	+43%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	4,000	8,000	+100%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	11,200	14,000	+25%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	8,800	10,000	+14%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	6,600	8,000	+21%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	13,500	14,200	+5%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	14,000	14,800	+6%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	20,444	53,333	+161%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	13,333	42,222	+217%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	18,000	18,000	0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,500	0%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	8,250	8,500	+3%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	-	-	-

Seeds: Cannabis and Poppy

Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds collected from eighteen provinces of Afghanistan are tabulated below.

Table 13: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in other than USD currency, Oct – Nov 2023

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Nov-Oct) (%)
			Oct-23	Nov-23	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	65	70	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	68	73	+7%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	74	75	+1%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	77	+10%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	90	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	62	60	-3%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	98	85	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	75	-6%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	60	-14%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	180	+38%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	150	140	-7%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	150	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	70	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	77	85	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	51	-5%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	83	91	+10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	59	+10%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	-	96	-
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	53	-
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	350	425	+21%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	145	115	-21%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	280	350	+25%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	100	80	-20%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	190	195	+3%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	-	-
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	130	0%

Table 14: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), November 2022 – November 2023

Types of seeds	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.912	0.979	0.827	0.849	1.000	1.765	0.909	0.832	0.882	0.923	0.929	0.924	0.933	+1%
Poppy seed	1.356	1.632	1.432	1.474	1.779	2.840	1.328	1.272	1.314	1.336	1.442	1.417	1.603	+13%

8. Prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level

The consumer prices of heroin, opium and hashish collected from different regions of Afghanistan are as below. The quality of product varies widely in different regions.

Figure 7: Regional average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), November 2023

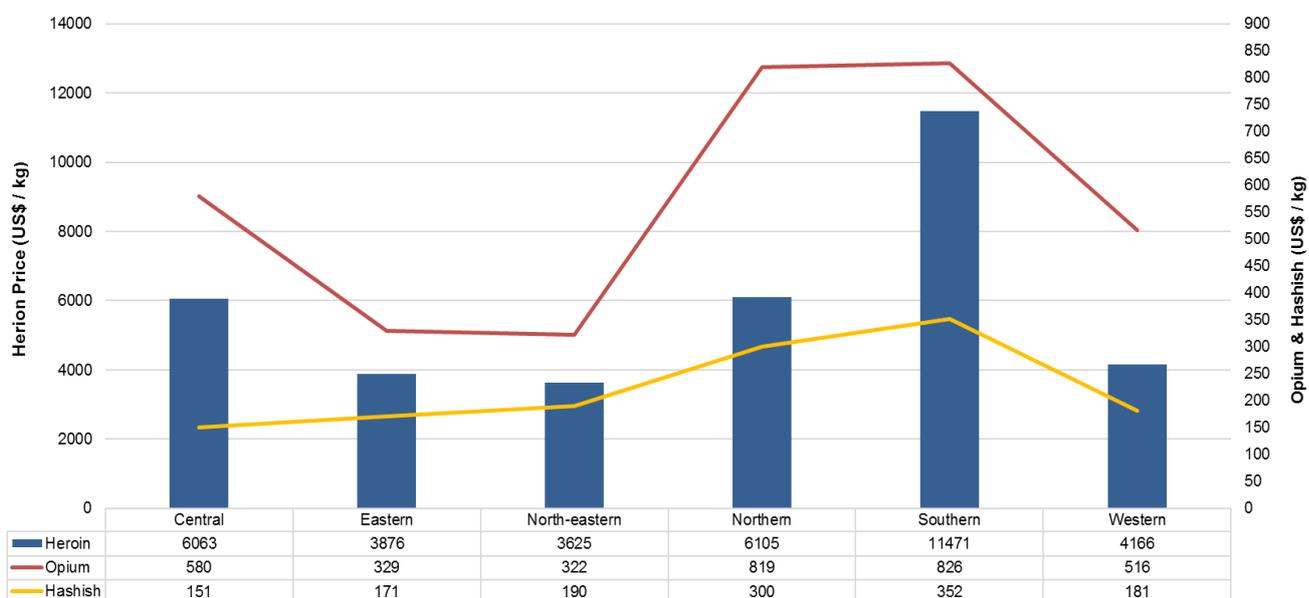


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Nov 22 – Nov 23

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Nov-Oct) (%)
	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	
Heroin	2,869	3,058	2,902	2,915	2,835	2,822	3,286	3,520	3,611	3,782	4,413	4,463	5,605	+26%
Opium	372	352	344	366	348	369	355	355	383	413	456	496	592	+19%
Hashish	132	143	138	133	131	141	132	145	141	136	148	165	216	+31%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

Table 16: Average price of Acetic Anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) November 2022 – November 2023

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	158	152	202	194	198	147	127	139	140	159	160	178	191	+7%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	76	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	56	58	59	58	55	57	58	59	59	58	66	72	91	+27%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	43	44	46	46	47	54	53	54	56	55	57	61	88	+44%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	152	146	110	143	149	155	128	138	143	169	168	179	182	+1%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	63	67	89	89	72	67	78	80	77	81	85	92	108	+17%

10. Price of Ephedra

Ephedra is a low evergreen shrub with small scaly leaves. It has a long history of medicinal use in China and India to treat colds, fever, headaches, coughing, wheezing, and other conditions.

Where is Ephedra found?

A group of about 40 species found from southern Europe, North Africa to Asia as well as the mountains of North and South America, Ephedra are typically plants of dry and desert regions.

Ephedra is found naturally in different zones of Afghanistan and is used in the production of methamphetamine. From September 2023, the Deputy Ministry for Counter Narcotics had also included the price of Ephedra in the monthly drug price report.

Table 17: Average price of Ephedra in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Oct 2023-Nov 2023

Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Oct-23	Nov-23	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Northern	0.40	0.48	+22%
North-east	0.98	1.28	+32%
Western	1.58	1.35	-15%
Central	-	-	-
Southern	0.63	0.64	+2%
Eastern	0.94	1.17	+24%
Average Prices for Afghanistan	0.85	0.91	+8%

11. Licit Crops

Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, rice (imported) and rice (local) collected in seven provinces of Afghanistan are shown in below table.

Table 18: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, November 2023

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Nangarhar	Wheat	-	38	0.6
Nangarhar	Cotton	-	168	2.5
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	158	2.3
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	70	1.0
Balkh	Wheat	-	24	0.4
Balkh	Cotton	-	97	1.4
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	108	1.6
Balkh	Rice Local	-	60	0.9
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	30	0.4
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	125	1.8
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	65	1.0
Takhar	Wheat	-	25	0.4
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	110	1.6
Takhar	Rice Local	-	58	0.8
Helmand	Wheat	120	-	0.4
Helmand	Cotton	560	-	2.0
Helmand	Rice Imported	320	-	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	120	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	575	-	2.0
Kandahar	Rice Imported	315	-	1.1
Hirat	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	170	2.5
Hirat	Saffron	-	75000	1100
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Rice Local	-	47	0.7

Table 19: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Nov 2022 – Nov 2023

Types of crops	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat (Local)	0.59	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.54	0.45	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.40	0.41	0.41	0%
Cotton	2.67	2.57	2.40	2.18	2.20	1.87	2.12	2.14	1.97	1.97	2.07	2.13	2.07	-3%
Saffron	1020	977	856	852	871	879	874	846	852	852	911	969	1100	+14%
Rice (Imported)	1.35	1.29	1.33	1.30	1.23	1.26	1.37	1.37	1.42	1.42	1.51	1.50	1.56	+4%
Rice (Local)	0.76	0.76	0.72	0.70	0.67	0.66	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.88	+7%

12. Reasons for rising and falling narcotic drug prices during this month

Causes of rising narcotic drug prices:

- Implementation of the decree of Amir al-Mominin on the prohibition of the cultivation, production, use, and smuggling of narcotic drugs.
- Eradication of poppy cultivation and drug processing factories.
- The determination of the authorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to prevent the cultivation of poppy and hashish and to destroy its fields.
- Disrupting the order of drug stock markets and reducing drug stocks.
- Presence of local, regional, and international demand for drug use.
- Pursuing drug smugglers.

First Part Poppy: In these zones (**East, South, Northeast, North, Center, and West Zone**), the prices of drugs have increased compared to last month. The reasons for the increase are the implementation of the law, security firmness, the eradication of poppy cultivation, the lack of poppy cultivation, the supply of opium, the blocking of smuggling routes, and the high demand of the people. Apart from the reasons mentioned above, another reason for the increase in the price of opium in the eastern zone is that smugglers store opium for the future so that they can get more profit. That is why the price of opium is increasing day by day.

Second Part Cannabis: The implementation of the law, security firmness, the shortage of water, the eradication of cannabis cultivation, the prevention of the cultivation of cannabis, and the decrease in supply of cannabis are the reasons that have increased the price of cannabis.

Third Part Heroin: Since heroin is made from opium, the rise in the price of opium leads to the rise in the price of heroin.

Fourth Part Synthetic Drugs: At the level of Afghanistan, synthetic drugs such as tablet-k, Sosegon, and methamphetamine have increased for both local and imported types.

- The only reason for the increase in local synthetic drugs is the decrease in their supply as a result of the destruction of drug processing factories by the anti-narcotics police.
- The reason for the increase in the price of imported synthetic drugs is the prevention of their entry into the country as a result of good border control by the active forces and authorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

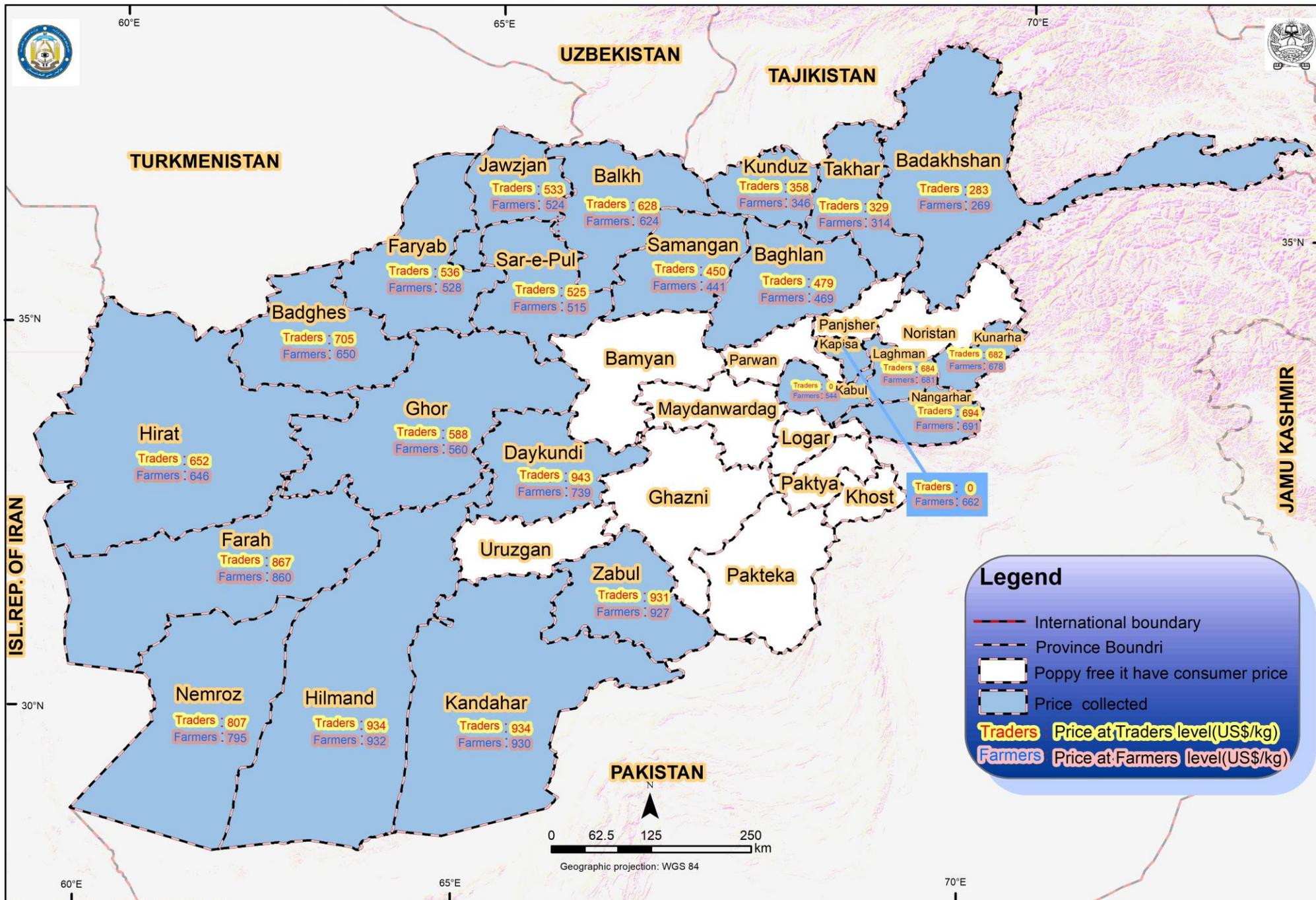
13. Methodology

- ❖ Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and equal numbers of traders by NSAD Survey coordinators generally from different farmers and traders each month. The price data collection is sourced from a few known farmers and traders as well.
- ❖ Opium prices are collected from 25 out of 34 provinces namely Kabul, Ghazni, Kapisa, Badakhshan, Baghlan, Badghis, Balkh, Farah, Faryab, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Kandahar, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Uruzgan, Takhar, Sur-Pul, Samangan, Jawzjan and Zabul. The prices of dry and fresh opium are collected from farmers (at farm-gate level) and traders (at trader level).
- ❖ Different varieties of heroin, morphine collected from twelve provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz, Balkh, Faryab, Badghis, Hilmand, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Hirat, Nimroz and Farah, and cannabis resin prices are collected from eight provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Balkh, Hirat, Nangarhar, Kandahar and Takhar. (Garda # 1(Patnosi)) in Balkh province is a new Garda of cannabis resin reported in January 2021 year.
- ❖ Prices of some licit crops such as, wheat, saffron, and cotton, imported and local rice is also collected from seven provinces of Afghanistan and included in this report.
- ❖ Prices of poppy seeds, cannabis seeds and acetic anhydride are included in the report as well.
- ❖ The prices are also presented in local currency for convenience of certain analysis; however, the national average prices are presented in USD. At the regional level, average prices are reflected in local currency with exception of the Western region since prices are reported in two different currencies.
- ❖ Prices are reported in different currencies in different regions. The prices in Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar) and Southern region (Kandahar, Hilmand, Uruzgan and Zabul) are reported in Pakistani rupees. In Northern (Balkh, Baghlan, Farayb, Sur-Pul, Samangan and Jawzjan) and North-eastern (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar) regions, the prices are reported in Afghani. However, prices are reported in two different currencies namely Afghani and Iranian Tuman in Western (Nimroz and Farah,) region. The prices are converted in US\$ using the exchange rate from (oanda.com) site considering the rates on the same date the observation is made.
- ❖ The synthetic drugs (Methamphetamine per gram, Sosegon per Ampoul, Tablet K per Tablet are reported from six regions (Kabul, Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, Faryab, Jawzjan, Sari-pul, Balkh, Samangan, Baghlan, Hilmand, Kandahar, Zabul, Badghis, Hirat, Ghor, Farah, Nimroz, Badakhshan, Takhar, and Kunduz) provinces of the country in US\$, Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine.

Table 20: Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices

	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	176	174	23
Fresh Opium	81	78	16

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (November 2023)



Source: NSAD/DM-CN/MoIA

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