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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary of Drug Prices

	By Month			By Year		
	September_2023	October_2023	Change %	October_2022	October_2023	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	390	454	+16%	348	454	+30%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	397	466	+17%	364	466	+28%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	290	394	+36%	329	394	+20%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	299	404	+35%	336	404	+20%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	-	-	-	3255	-	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	4618	4931	+7%	4228	4931	+17%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	3709	4083	+10%	3319	4083	+23%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	3352	4014	+20%	-	4014	-
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	135	144	+7%	84	144	+73%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	79	90	+15%	57	90	+58%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	49	62	+29%	31	62	+103%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.26	1.50	+19%	0.9	1.50	+62%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.051	1.048	-0.3%	1.70	1.048	-38%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.247	1.10	-12%	0.87	1.10	+27%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.63	0.64	+1.5%	0.64	0.64	0%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.8	15.9	+0.6%	11	15.9	+42%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.8	9.5	+8%	10.2	9.5	-7%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7.5	6.9	-7%	6.4	6.9	+8%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.87	3.10	+8%	3.0	3.10	+5%

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 October 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. 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\$ 454/kg) at the end of October 2023 which is 16% Higher compared to the price reported in September 2023 (US\$ 390/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in October 2023 is 30% higher than the price reported in October 2022 which was (US\$ 348/kg).

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

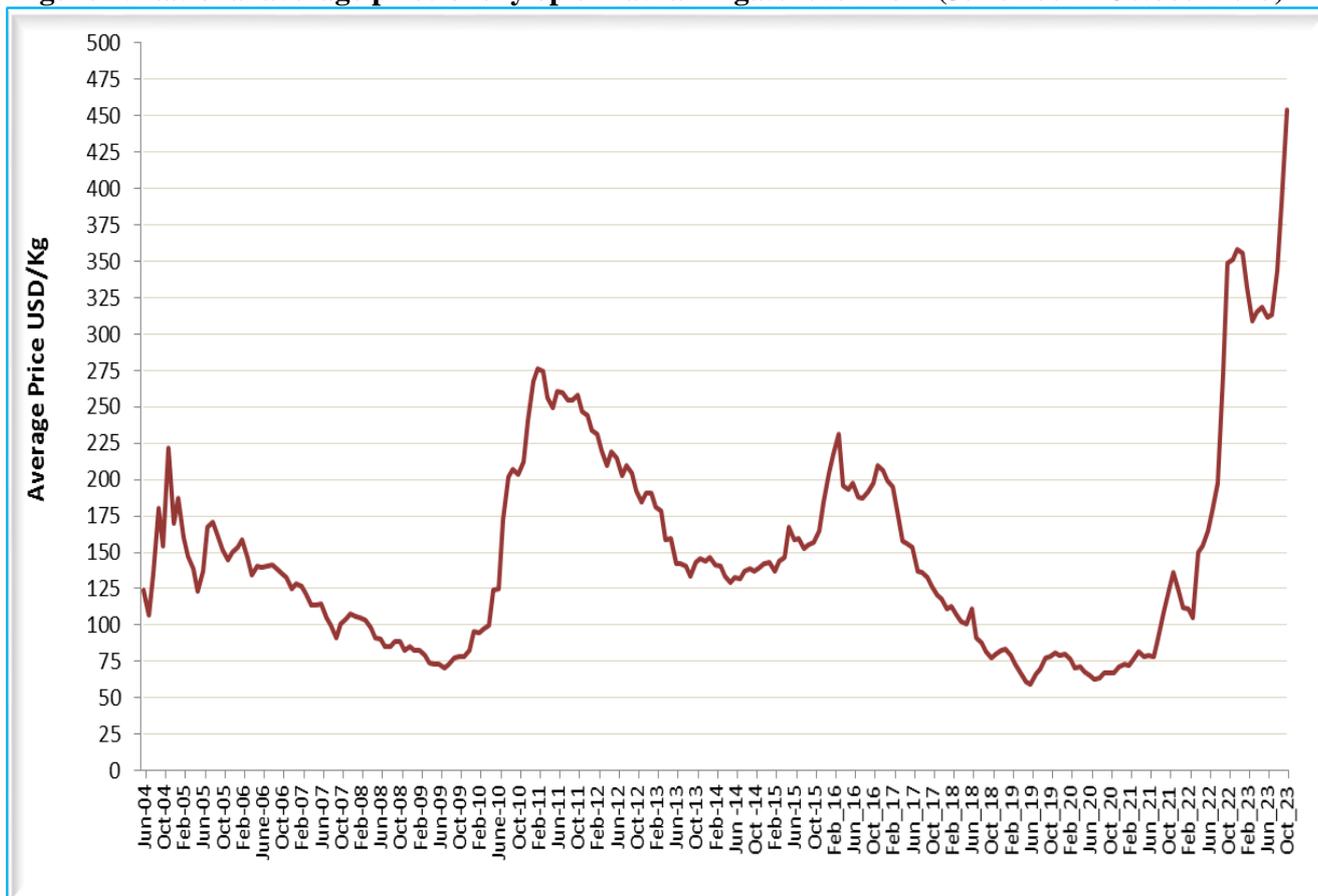


Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (September 2023 to October 2023)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Sep-23	Oct-23	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	462	540	+17%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	411	507	+23%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	488	555	+14%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	258	286	+11%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	339	414	+22%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	582	572	-2%
Average	390	454	+16%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 466/kg) at the end of October 2023 showing 17% increase compared to the price reported last month September 2023 (US\$ 397/kg). The average dry opium price at trader level in October 2023 is 28% higher than the price reported last year October 2022 which was (US\$ 364/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 23% in the Southern and Northern region, 17% in the Eastern region, 15% in the Western region and 11% in the North-eastern region

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

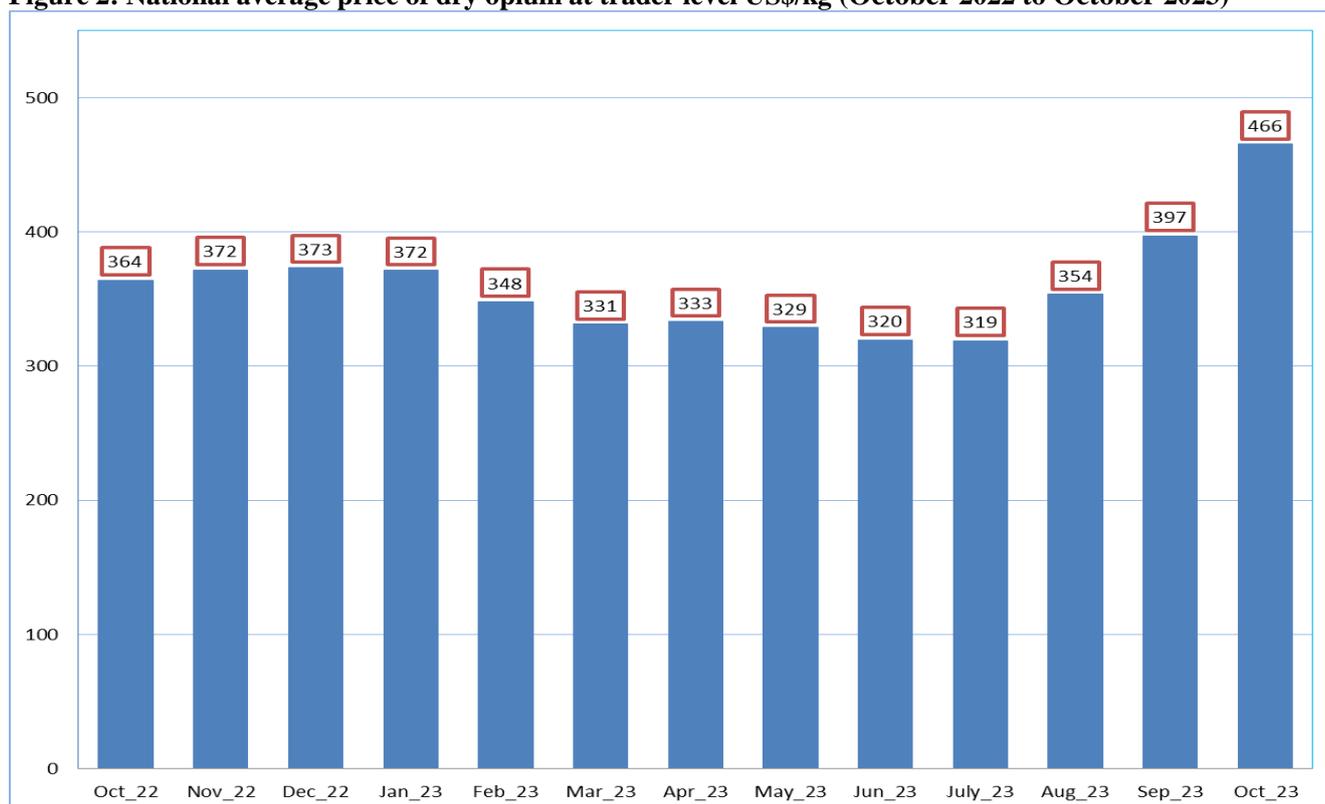


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (September 2023 to October 2023)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Sep-23	Oct-23	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	465	544	+17%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	415	511	+23%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	517	592	+15%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	268	296	+11%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	344	422	+23%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	397	466	+17%

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\$ 565/kg) in October 2023 showing an increase of 21% compared to the price reported in September 2023 (US\$ 468/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is (US\$ 692/kg) in October 2023 showing an increase of 19% compared to the price reported in September 2023 (US\$ 583/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Oct-Sep) %	Hilmand		Price change (Oct-Sep) %
	Sep-23	Oct-23		Sep-23	Oct-23	
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	468	565	+21%	583	692	+19%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 573/kg) in October 2023 showing an increase of 21% compared to the price reported in September 2023 (US\$ 474/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 696/kg) in October 2023 showing an increase of 18% compared to the price reported in September 2023 (US\$ 590/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Oct-Sep) %	Hilmand		Price change (Oct-Sep) %
	Sep-23	Oct-23		Sep-23	Oct-23	
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	474	573	+21%	590	696	+18%

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 (Oct-Sep) (%)	Change at trader level (Oct-Sep) (%)
		Sep-23		Oct-23			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	135236	136192	138749	139715	+3%	+3%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	119251	120363	140936	142082	+18%	+18%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	31661	34917	32922	37072	+4%	+6%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	24576351	25075537	28672968	29126705	+17%	+16%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	19833	20598	20637	21411	+4%	+4%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	26147	26544	30469	31049	+17%	+17%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	45333	-	42000	-	-7%	-

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of October 2023, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **36%** from (US\$ 290/kg) in September 2023 to (US\$ 394/kg) in October 2023 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **35%** from (US\$ 299/kg) in September 2023 to (US\$ 404/kg) in October 2023.

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

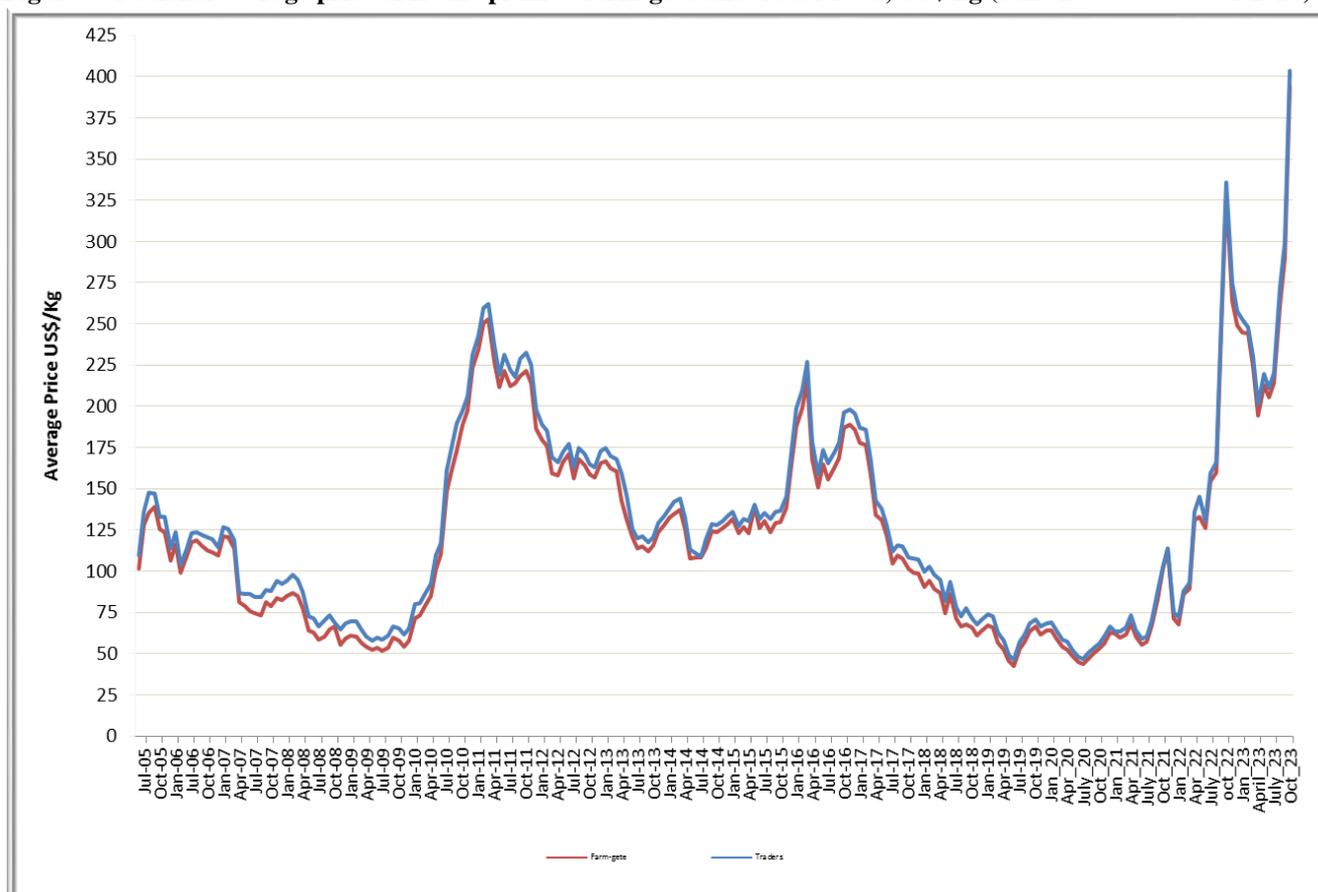


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Oct-Sep) (%)	Change at trader level (Oct-Sep) (%)
		Sep-23		Oct-23			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-	-	-	
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	96433	98538	112929	115205	+17%	+17%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	24395	26389	26826	28794	+10%	+9%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	17409454	17933447	20420433	20875687	+17%	+16%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	17181	18735	-	-	-	-
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	18756	19217	22862	23346	+22%	+21%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	38333	-	40250	-	+5%	-

* 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\$ 49/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Provinces	Types of heroin	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Change (Oct-Sep) %	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	3,109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,977	3,983	4,024	4,018	3,890	4,015	3,983	3,890	4,043	4,079	4,201	4,823	4,547	-6%	
Takhar	Batan (100)	3,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,323	4,307	4,312	4,315	4,095	4,226	4,158	4,299	4,245	4,278	4,294	4,873	4,749	-3%	
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,041	3,037	3,047	3,059	2,559	2,641	2,577	2,149	2,021	2,089	2,173	2,386	2,223	-7%	
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,632	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%	
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	1,313	1,304	1,308	1,284	739	1,043	1,073	1,132	1,139	1,147	1,109	1,148	1,218	+6%	
	Bist powder	668	665	667	663	582	539	568	566	569	575	558	577	620	+7%	
	Chara # 1	86	85	87	87	69	64	71	73	75	77	75	80	88	+10%	
	Chara # 2	57	58	60	59	48	46	57	59	62	63	61	64	74	+15%	
	Khata # 1	55	56	58	56	46	44.4	51.5	52	54	55	53	56	63	+12%	
	Khata # 2	41	40	40	39	35	33	37	40	41	43	42	44	49	+10%	
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,937	3,815	3,751	3,766	3,821	3,680	3,756	3,678	3,844	2,664	4,018	4,327	4,653	+8%	
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	3,055	2,984	2,931	2,933	2,957	2,853	2,934	2,857	2,957	2,959	3,092	3,349	3,682	+10%	
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,642	3,621	3,605	3,416	3,523	3,437	3,515	3,437	3,643	3,650	3,847	4,147	4,519	+9%	
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,585	2,585	2,558	2,391	2,443	2,330	2,519	2,447	2,543	2,543	2,654	2,962	3,305	+12%	
	Bist powder - 20%	1,316	1,298	1,209	1,139	1,159	1,107	1,172	1,142	1,230	1,236	1,339	1,597	1,780	+11%	
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	5,341	3,129	3,021	3,718	3,256	2,835	2,794	2,796	2,792	2,798	3,685	3,929	4,226	+8%	
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	5,024	2,995	2,888	3,499	3,065	2,658	2,617	2,656	2,653	2,728	3,350	3,758	4,081	+9%	
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	5,431	6,034	5,176	5,095	4,463	3,898	4,208	4,368	4,293	4,547	6,700	6,970	7,440	+7%	
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	5,069	5,721	5,420	4,942	4,329	3,757	4,067	4,123	4,119	4,268	6,097	6,355	6,790	+7%	
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	5,341	3,129	2,910	2,930	3,294	2,840	2,794	2,761	2,758	2,763	3,618	3,758	4,081	+9%	
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	5,024	2,995	2,821	1,968	3,065	2,663	2,652	2,621	2,618	2,624	3,250	3,553	3,828	+8%	
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	5,431	6,034	5,109	5,030	4,405	3,906	3,890	4,228	4,258	4,477	6,700	6,901	7,368	+7%	
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	5,114	5,721	5,376	4,855	4,252	3,693	3,678	3,914	4,049	4,198	6,030	6,491	6,934	+7%	
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,788	1,769	1,838	1,735	1,726	1,937	1,991	1,841	2,010	2,060	2,191	2,252	2,422	+8%	
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,941	2,283	2,413	2,454	2,616	3,111	3,280	3,087	3,055	2,985	3,104	3,710	4,845	+31%	
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,499	1,484	1,608	1,541	1,536	1,702	1,757	1,864	2,468	2,341	2,678	3,020	3,668	+21%	
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,290	3,277	3,469	3,840	4,429	+15%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,738	3,114	3,043	3,165	3,384	3,599	+6%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,883	2,283	2,298	2,569	2,389	3,005	3,010	3,029	2,938	2,985	3,408	3,775	4,637	+23%	
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	-	-	-	-	3,287	3,303	3,495	3,173	3,195	3,651	3,983	5,122	+29%	
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	2,630	2,636	2,679	2,350	2,376	3,104	3,319	4,429	+33%	
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,860	2,911	3,240	3,368	3,185	3,287	3,280	2,932	2,409	2,751	2,775	3,020	3,211	+6%	
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	-	-	-	-	2,583	2,577	2,563	1,998	2,282	2,215	2,689	2,860	+6%	
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,077	3,643	3,804	3,773	3,840	4,083	+6%	
	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 (Oct-Sep)%
			Sep-23	Oct-23	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	370,500	328,500	-11%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	374,400	343,100	-8%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	183,300	160,600	-12%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	397,800	354,050	-11%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	336,000	338,000	+1%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	169,000	172,000	+2%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	23,500	24,500	+4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	18,800	20,500	+9%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	16,500	17,500	+6%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	13,000	13,500	+4%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	336,000	345,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	260,000	273,000	+5%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	322,000	335,000	+4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	230,000	245,000	+7%
	Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	124,000	132,000	+6%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,150,000	1,170,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,100,000	1,130,000	+3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,040,000	2,060,000	+1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	1,860,000	1,880,000	+1%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,100,000	1,130,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,040,000	1,060,000	+2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,020,000	2,040,000	+1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	1,900,000	1,920,000	+1%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	173,000	175,000	+1%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	285,000	350,000	+23%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	232,000	265,000	+14%
	Bist powder	Afghani	295,000	320,000	+8%
	Morphine	Afghani	260,000	260,000	0%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	290,000	335,000	+16%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	306,000	370,000	+21%
	Morphine	Afghani	255000	320000	+25%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	232000	232000	0%
Nimruz	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	206600	206600	0%
	Bist powder	Afghani	295000	295000	0%
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-
	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.

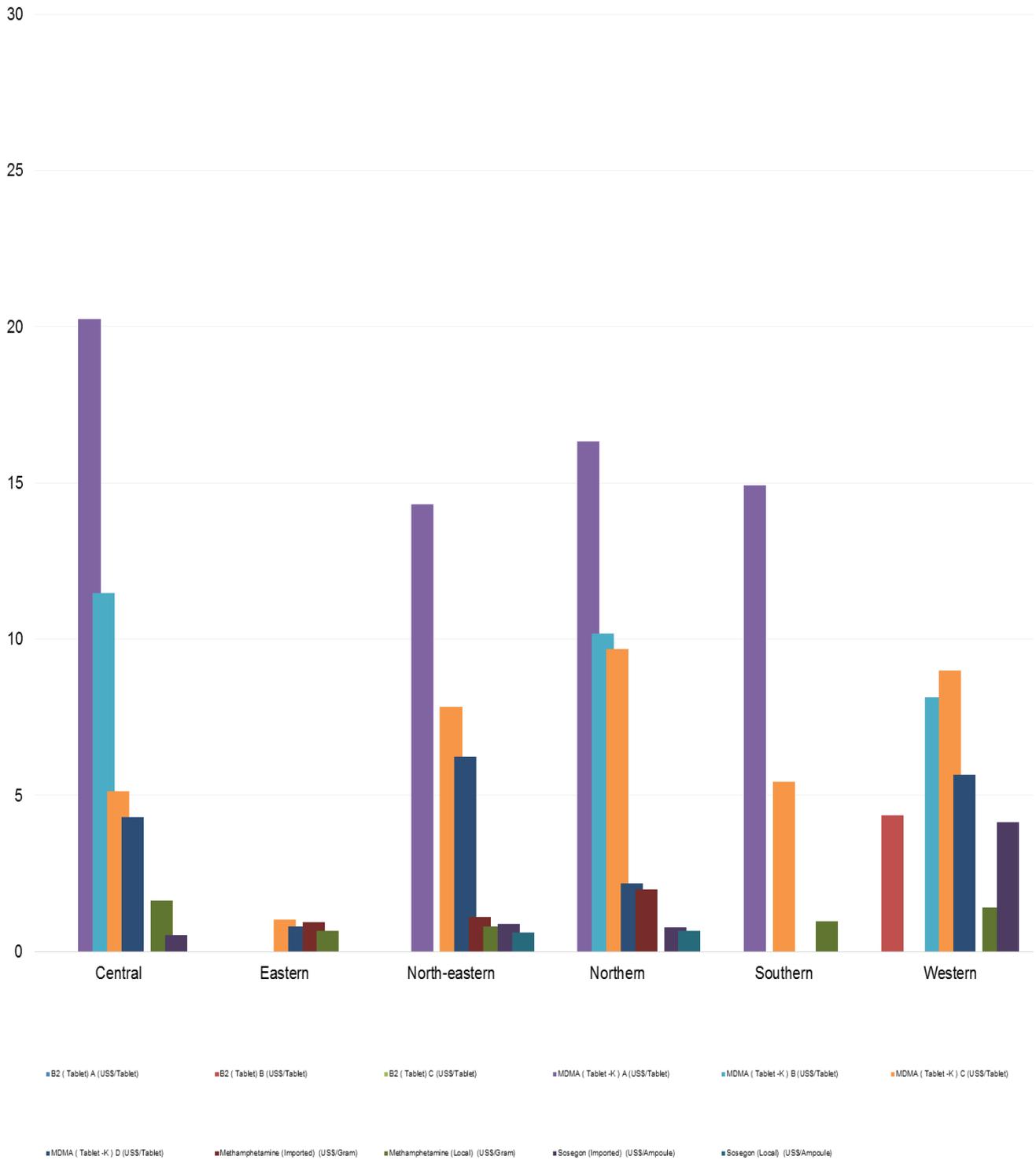
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details 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	Oct_23
Central	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.62
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	20.2
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	11.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	4.3
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	0.9
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.7
	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)	0.8	
North-eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.1
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.8
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.9
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	6.2
Northern	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	2.0
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.8
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	16.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10.2
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	9.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.2
Southern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.0
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.4
Western	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.4
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	4.2
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	9.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.7
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	4.4

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- October 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), October 2022 – October 2023

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Types of resin	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Change (Oct-Sep) %
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Garda # 1	41	43	43	43	37	34	36	39	39	40	37	41	47	+12%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	32	33	33	35	31	28	32	33	34	36	33	36	39	+9%
Nangarhar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	20	20	20	22	18	16	18	21	19	21	19	21	25	+21%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	82	85	82	121	142	116	129	116	130	132	129	124	148	+20%
Faryab	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	71	72	70	89	91	87	94	98	106	111	103	103	121	+18%
Faryab	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	43	50	47	63	68	58	64	60	71	77	73	64	81	+26%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Garda # 1	65	80	93	128	136	122	117	107	122	126	110	108	135	+25%
Balkh	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	53	64	70	99	102	99	94	86	94	98	85	79	94	+20%
Balkh	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	29	34	37	57	68	51	59	50	59	61	49	41	54	+31%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Garda # 1	70	90	88	118	148	117	141	133	139	141	121	121	152	+26%
Baghlan	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	54	61	59	97	114	93	117	110	114	118	97	98	120	+23%
Baghlan	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	35	44	40	64	80	58	82	74	85	87	73	68	90	+33%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	77	79	75	78	77	80	74	64	80	85	176	189	187	-1%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	88	91	84	82	82	85	80	73	88	94	183	195	194	-1%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	56	62	58	66	57	51	59	58	54	53	54	71	74	+5%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	36	40	38	39	34	25	28	28	27	27	30	46	48	+6%
Kandahar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	26	25	23	22	20	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	155	200	207	205	202	188	199	204	200	205	219	247	249	+1%
Hirat	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	97	96	138	137	148	94	100	105	100	94	103	111	118	+6%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Garda # 1	117	116	116	114	113	89	118	110	111	98	89	116	111	-4%
Panjshir	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

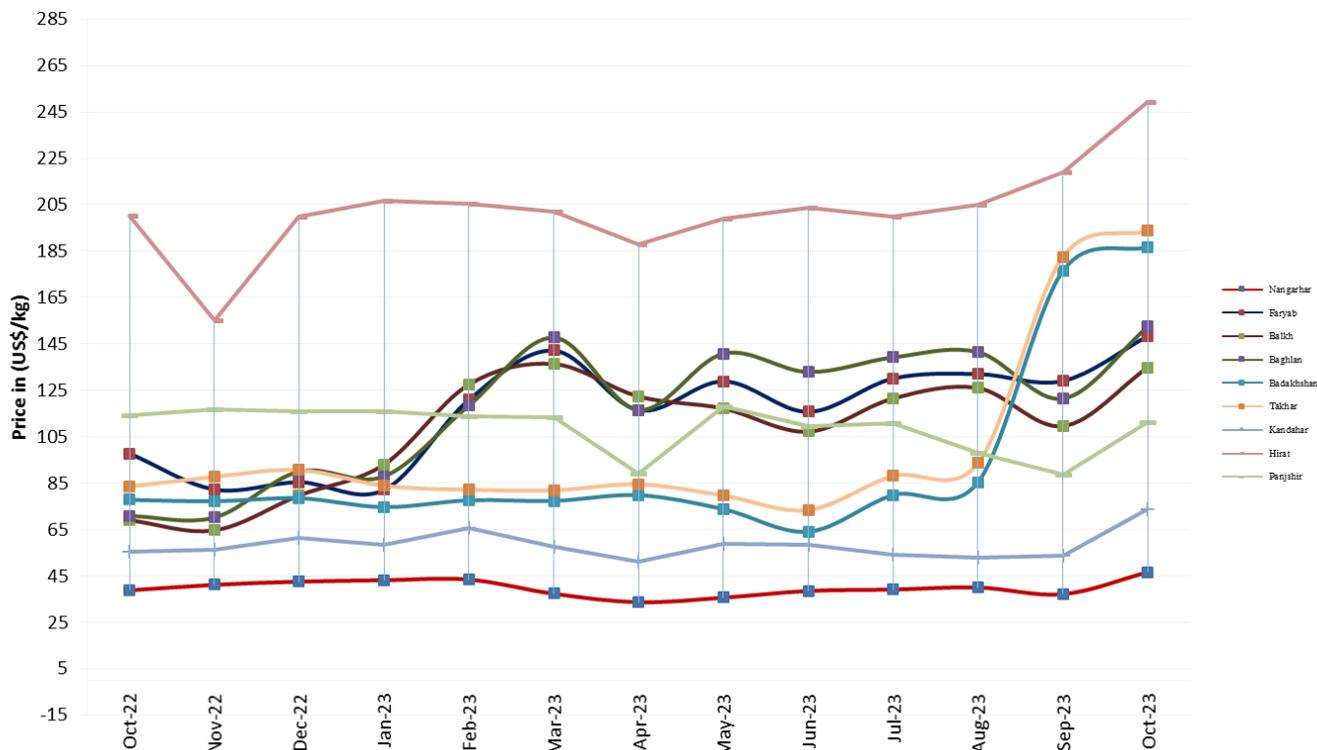


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), October 2023

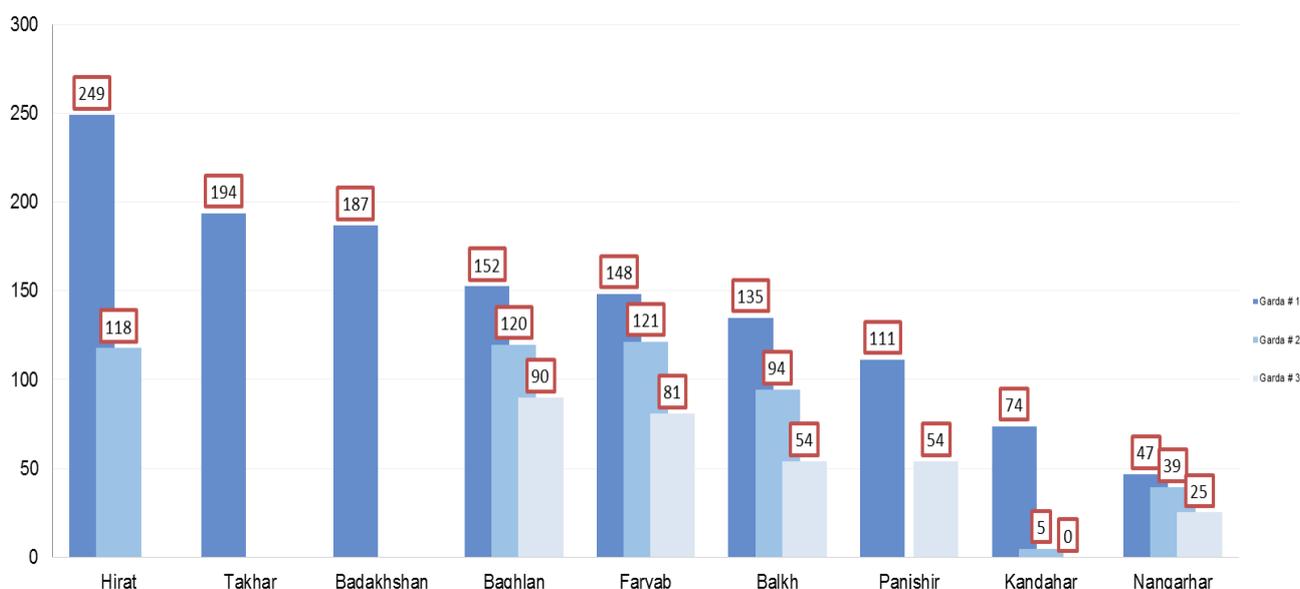


Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Sep 2023 – Oct 2023

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Oct-Sep) %
			Sep-23	Oct-23	
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	12,000	13,000	+8%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	10,500	11,000	+5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	6,000	7,000	+17%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	9,600	11,000	+15%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	8,000	9,000	+13%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	5,000	6,000	+20%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	8,400	10,000	+19%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	6,100	7,000	+15%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	3,200	4,000	+25%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	9,300	11,200	+20%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	7,500	8,800	+17%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	5,200	6,600	+27%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	14,500	13,500	-7%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	15,000	14,000	-7%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	20,667	20,444	-1%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	13,333	13,333	0%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	19,000	18,000	-5%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,500	0%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	9,000	8,250	-8%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	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, Sep– Oct 2023

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Oct-Sep) (%)
			Sep-23	Oct-23	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	60	65	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	68	-3%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	74	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	65	70	+8%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	85	90	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	65	62	-5%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	96	98	+2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	90	80	-11%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	70	+17%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	250	130	-48%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	170	150	-12%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	150	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	100	70	-30%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	86	77	-11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	53	-1%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	92	83	-10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	53	-1%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	325	350	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	135	145	+7%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	260	280	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	115	100	-13%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	180	190	+6%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	130	0%

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

Types of seeds	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.939	0.912	0.979	0.827	0.849	1.000	1.765	0.909	0.832	0.882	0.923	0.929	0.924	-0.5%
Poppy seed	1.394	1.356	1.632	1.432	1.474	1.779	2.840	1.328	1.272	1.314	1.336	1.442	1.417	-2%

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), October 2023

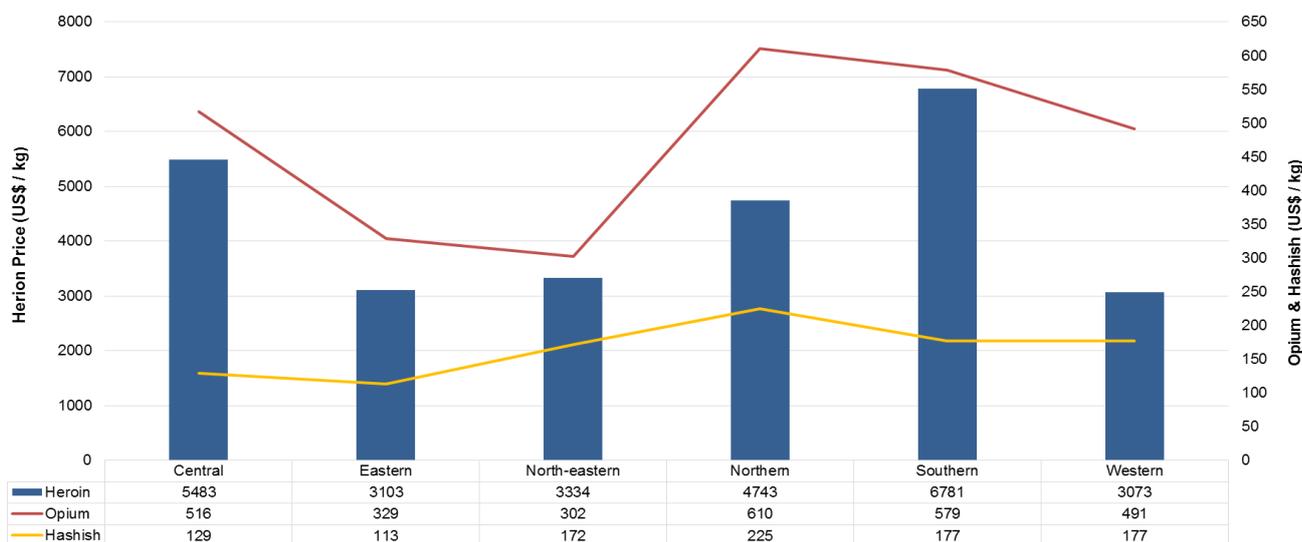


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Oct 22 – Oct 23

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Oct-Sep) (%)
	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	
Heroin	2,593	2,869	3,058	2,902	2,915	2,885	2,822	3,286	3,520	3,611	3,782	4,413	4,463	+1%
Opium	120	372	352	344	366	348	369	355	355	383	413	456	496	+9%
Hashish	116	132	143	138	133	131	141	132	145	141	136	148	165	+11%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	151	158	152	202	194	198	147	127	139	140	159	160	178	+11%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	75	76	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	55	56	58	59	58	55	57	58	59	59	58	66	72	+9%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	46	43	44	46	46	47	54	53	54	56	55	57	61	+7%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	148	152	146	110	143	149	155	128	138	143	169	168	179	+6%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	69	63	67	89	89	72	67	78	80	77	81	85	92	+8%

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), Sep2023-Oct-2023

Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Sep-23	Oct-23	Change (Oct-Sep) %
Northern	0.79	0.40	-50%
North-east	0.80	0.98	+22%
Western	1.94	1.58	-18%
Central	-	-	-
Southern	-	0.63	-
Eastern	0.77	0.94	+22%
Average Prices for Afghanistan	1.07	0.85	-21%

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, October 2023

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Nangarhar	Wheat	-	38	0.5
Nangarhar	Cotton	-	180	2.5
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	126	1.7
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	62	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	25	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	112	1.5
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	118	1.6
Balkh	Rice Local	-	65	0.9
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	35	0.5
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	130	1.8
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	68	0.9
Takhar	Wheat	-	28	0.4
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	115	1.6
Takhar	Rice Local	-	60	0.8
Helmand	Wheat	117	-	0.4
Helmand	Cotton	600	-	2.2
Helmand	Rice Imported	365	-	1.3
Kandahar	Wheat	120	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	605	-	2.2
Kandahar	Rice Imported	360	-	1.3
Hirat	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	170	2.4
Hirat	Saffron	-	70000	969
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	85	1.2
Hirat	Rice Local	-	45	0.6

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

Types of crops	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat (Local)	0.54	0.59	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.54	0.45	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.40	0.41	+3%
Cotton	2.60	2.67	2.57	2.40	2.18	2.20	1.87	2.12	2.14	1.97	1.97	2.07	2.13	+3%
Saffron	1211	1020	977	856	852	871	879	874	846	852	852	911	969	+6%
Rice (Imported)	1.36	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%
Rice (Local)	0.72	0.76	0.76	0.72	0.70	0.67	0.66	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.84	0.82	-2%

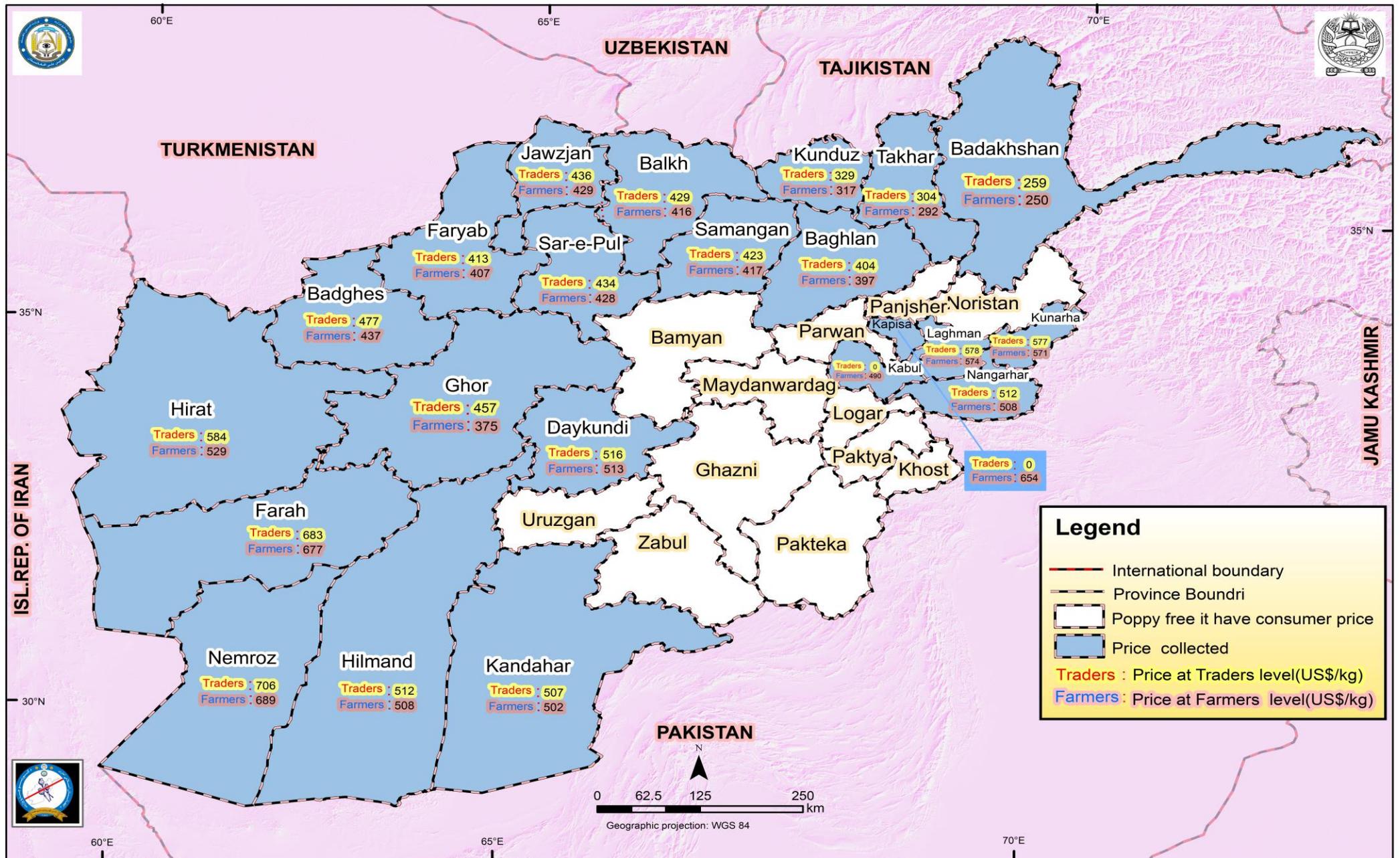
11. Methodology

- ❖ 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	165	163	22
Fresh Opium	64	61	14

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (October, 2023)



Source: NSAD/DM-CN/MoIA

NSAD