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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary of Drug Prices

	By Month			By Year		
	August_2023	September_2023	Change %	September_2022	September_2023	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	344	390	+13%	273	390	+43%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	354	397	+12%	288	397	+38%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	261	290	+11%	247	290	+17%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	272	299	+10%	253	299	+19%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	-	-	-	3255	-	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	4236	4618	+9%	2870	4618	+61%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	3398	3709	+9%	2567	3709	+44%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	3134	3352	+7%	-	3352	-
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	124	135	+8%	90	135	+50%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	75	79	+4%	74	79	+6%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	53	49	-9%	31	49	+57%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.47	1.26	-14%	2.0	1.26	-38%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.00	1.051	+5%	1.45	1.051	-27%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.17	1.247	+6%	0.85	1.247	+47%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.60	0.63	+5%	0.70	0.63	-11%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.7	15.8	+8%	12	15.8	+36%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.2	8.8	+8%	9.8	8.8	-10%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7.3	7.5	+3%	6.6	7.5	+13%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.47	2.87	-17%	3.0	2.87	-3%

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 23 provinces in September 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 September 2023. 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\$ 390/kg) at the end of September 2023 which is 13% Higher compared to the price reported in August 2023 (US\$ 344/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in September 2023 is 43% higher than the price reported in September 2022 which was (US\$ 273/kg).

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

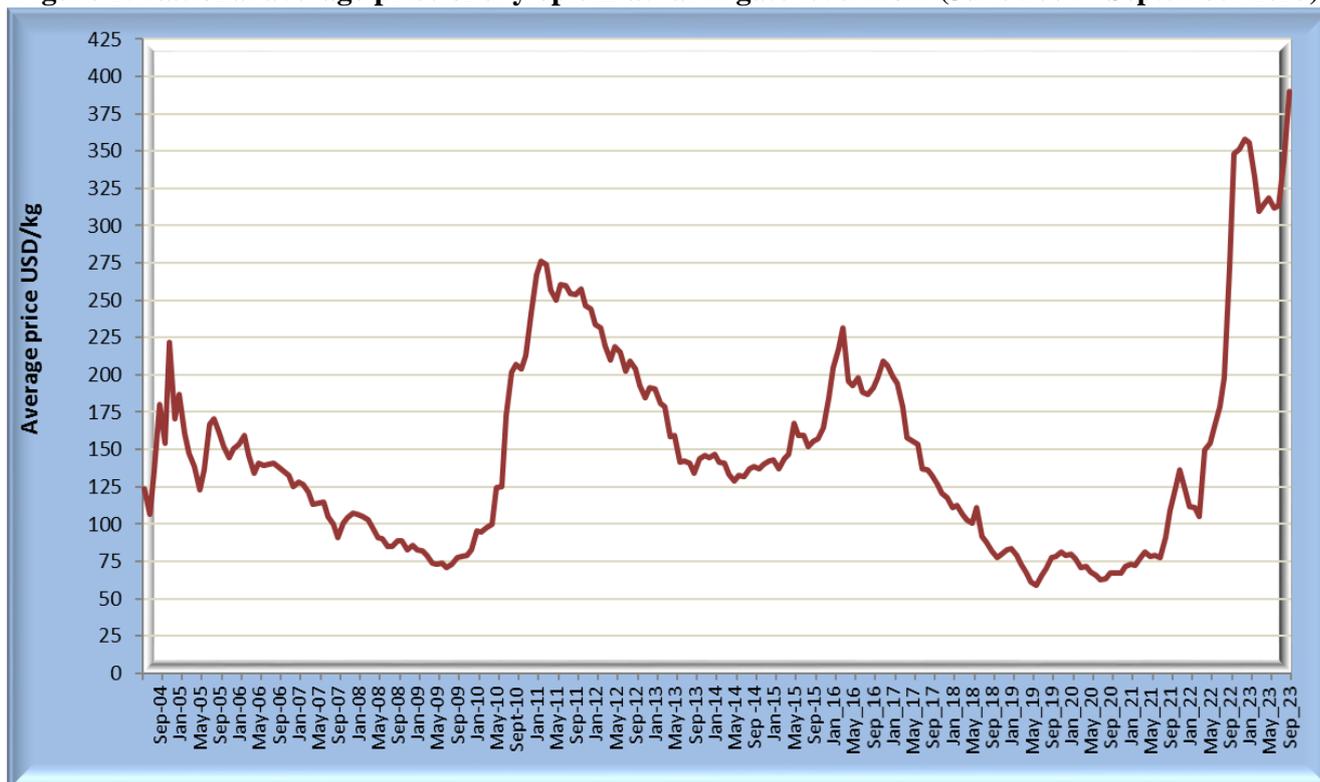


Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (August 2023 to September 2023)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Aug-23	Sep-23	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	441	462	+5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	394	411	+4%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	401	488	+22%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	232	258	+11%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	285	339	+19%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	405	582	+44%
Average	344	390	+13%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 397/kg) at the end of September 2023 showing 12% increase compared to the price reported last month August 2023 (US\$ 354/kg).

The average dry opium price at trader level in September 2023 is 38% higher than the price reported last year September 2022 which was (US\$ 288/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 21% in the Western region, 18% in the Northern region, 9% in the North-eastern region and 5% in the Eastern and Southern region.

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

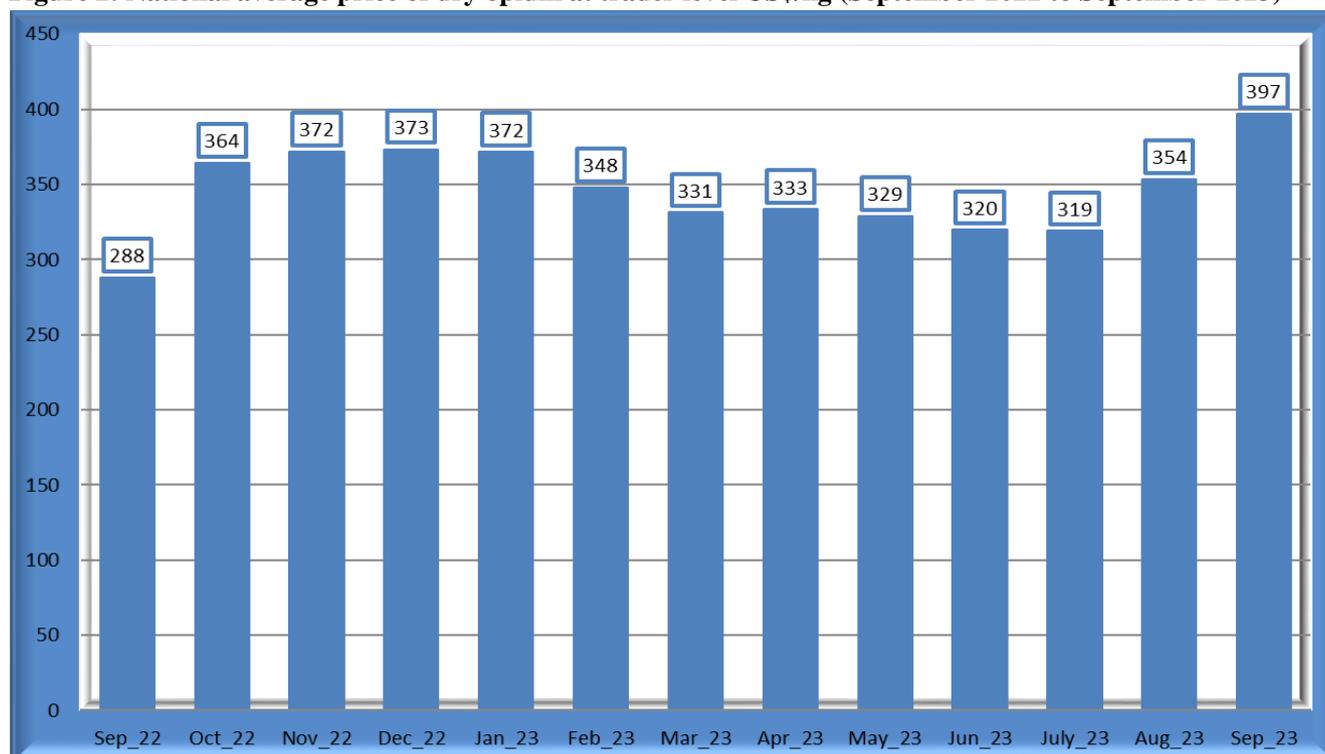


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (August 2023 to September 2023)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Aug-23	Sep-23	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	443	465	+5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabol and diykundy)	398	415	+5%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Ninroz)	426	517	+21%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	246	268	+9%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	291	344	+18%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	354	397	+12%

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\$ 468/kg) in September 2023 showing an increase of 18% compared to the price reported in August 2023 (US\$ 395/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is (US\$ 583/kg) in September 2023 showing an increase of 2% compared to the price reported in August 2023 (US\$ 569/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Sep-Aug) %	Hilmand		Price change (Sep-Aug) %
	Aug-23	Sep-23		Aug-23	Sep-23	
<i>Farm-gate price</i> (US\$/Kg)	395	468	+18%	569	583	+2%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 474/kg) in September 2023 showing an increase of 18% compared to the price reported in August 2023 (US\$ 400/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 590/kg) in September 2023 showing an increase of 2% compared to the price reported in August 2023 (US\$ 576/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Sep-Aug) %	Hilmand		Price change (Sep-Aug) %
	Aug-23	Sep-23		Aug-23	Sep-23	
<i>Trader price</i> (US\$/Kg)	400	474	+18%	576	590	+2%

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 (Sep-Aug) (%)	Change at trader level (Sep-Aug) (%)
		Aug-23		Sep-23			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	132020	132641	135236	136192	+2%	+3%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	117111	118222	119251	120363	+2%	+2%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	30844	32939	31661	34917	+3%	+6%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	18832948	19265630	24576351	25075537	+30%	+30%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	19067	20240	19833	20598	+4%	+2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	23432	23950	26147	26544	+12%	+11%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	33833	-	45333	-	+34%	-

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of September 2023, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **11%** from (US\$ 261/kg) in August 2023 to (US\$ 290/kg) in September 2023 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **10%** from (US\$ 272/kg) in August 2023 to (US\$ 299/kg) in September 2023.

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

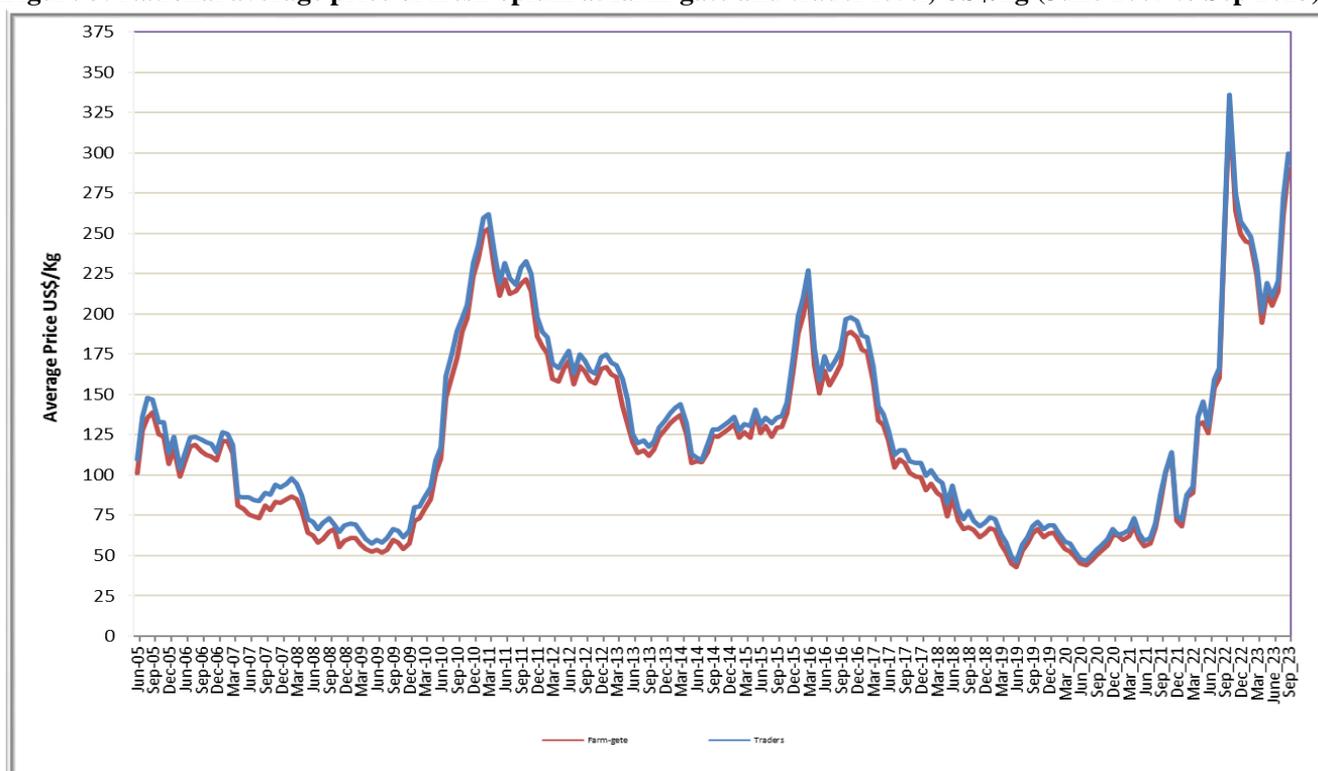


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Sep-Aug) (%)	Change at trader level (Sep-Aug) (%)
		Aug-23		Sep-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	95079	96190	96433	98538	+1%	+2%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	24142	26167	24395	26389	+1%	+1%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	14465600	14966809	17409454	17933447	+20%	+20%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	17181	18735	17181	18735	0%	0%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	17900	18361	18756	19217	+5%	+5%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	31333	-	38333	-	+22%	-

* 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\$ 44/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Provinces	Types of heroin	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	3,109	3,109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	1,943	3,977	3,983	4,024	4,018	3,890	4,015	3,983	3,890	4,043	4,079	4,201	4,823	+15%
Takhar	Batan (100)	3,400	3,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,137	4,323	4,307	4,312	4,315	4,095	4,226	4,158	4,299	4,245	4,278	4,294	4,873	+13%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,457	3,041	3,037	3,047	3,059	2,559	2,641	2,577	2,149	2,021	2,089	2,173	2,386	+10%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,332	4,632	4,584	4,599	4,589	4,095	4,226	4,100	4,504	4,346	4,378	4,481	5,178	+16%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	1,189	1,313	1,304	1,308	1,284	739	1,043	1,073	1,132	1,139	1,147	1,109	1,148	+3%
	Bist powder	601	668	665	667	663	582	539	568	566	569	575	558	577	+3%
	Chara # 1	75	86	85	87	87	69	64	71	73	75	77	75	80	+7%
	Chara # 2	48	57	58	60	59	48	46	57	59	62	63	61	64	+5%
	Khata # 1	46	55	56	58	56	46.2	44.4	52	52	54	55	53	56	+5%
	Khata # 2	35	41	40	40	39	35	33	37	40	41	43	42	44	+6%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,682	3,937	3,815	3,751	3,766	3,821	3,680	3,756	3,678	3,844	2,664	4,018	4,327	+8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,762	3,055	2,984	2,931	2,933	2,957	2,853	2,934	2,857	2,957	2,959	3,092	3,349	+8%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,337	3,642	3,621	3,605	3,416	3,523	3,437	3,515	3,437	3,643	3,650	3,847	4,147	+8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,301	2,585	2,585	2,558	2,391	2,443	2,330	2,519	2,447	2,543	2,543	2,654	2,962	+12%
	Bist powder - 20%	1,151	1,316	1,298	1,209	1,139	1,159	1,107	1,172	1,142	1,230	1,236	1,339	1,597	+19%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	2,804	5,341	3,129	3,021	3,718	3,256	2,835	2,794	2,796	2,792	2,798	3,685	3,929	+7%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,678	5,024	2,995	2,888	3,499	3,065	2,658	2,617	2,656	2,653	2,728	3,350	3,758	+12%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,599	5,431	6,034	5,176	5,095	4,463	3,898	4,208	4,368	4,293	4,547	6,700	6,970	+4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,474	5,069	5,721	5,420	4,942	4,329	3,757	4,067	4,123	4,119	4,268	6,097	6,355	+4%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	2,804	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%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,678	5,024	2,995	2,821	1,968	3,065	2,663	2,652	2,621	2,618	2,624	3,250	3,553	+9%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,599	5,431	6,034	5,109	5,030	4,405	3,906	3,890	4,228	4,258	4,477	6,700	6,901	+3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,474	5,114	5,721	5,376	4,855	4,252	3,693	3,678	3,914	4,049	4,198	6,030	6,491	+8%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,715	1,788	1,769	1,838	1,735	1,726	1,937	1,991	1,841	2,010	2,060	2,191	2,252	+3%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,287	2,941	2,283	2,413	2,454	2,616	3,111	3,280	3,087	3,055	2,985	3,104	3,710	+20%
	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	+13%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,290	3,277	3,469	3,840	+11%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,738	3,114	3,043	3,165	3,384	+7%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,172	2,883	2,283	2,298	2,569	2,389	3,005	3,010	3,029	2,938	2,985	3,408	3,775	+11%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,287	3,303	3,495	3,173	3,195	3,651	3,983	+9%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,630	2,636	2,679	2,350	2,376	3,104	3,319	+7%
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,744	2,860	2,911	3,240	3,368	3,185	3,287	3,280	2,932	2,409	2,751	2,775	3,020	+9%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,583	2,577	2,563	1,998	2,282	2,215	2,689	+21%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,077	3,643	3,804	3,773	3,840	+2%
	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 (Sep-Aug) %
			Aug-23	Sep-23	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	345,160	370,500	+7%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	352,820	374,400	+6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	178,500	183,300	+3%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	368,160	397,800	+8%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	332,000	336,000	+1%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	167,000	169,000	+1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	22,500	23,500	+4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	18,300	18,800	+3%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	16,000	16,500	+3%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	12,500	13,000	+4%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	330,000	336,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	254,000	260,000	+2%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	316,000	322,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	218,000	230,000	+6%
	Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	110,000	124,000	+13%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,100,000	1,150,000	+5%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,000,000	1,100,000	+10%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,000,000	2,040,000	+2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	1,820,000	1,860,000	+2%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,080,000	1,100,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	970,000	1,040,000	+7%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,000,000	2,020,000	+1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	1,800,000	1,900,000	+6%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	180,000	173,000	-4%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	255,000	285,000	+12%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	220,000	232,000	+5%
	Bist powder	Afghani	285,000	295,000	+4%
	Morphine	Afghani	260,000	260,000	0%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	280,000	290,000	+4%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	300,000	306,000	+2%
	Morphine	Afghani	255000	255000	0%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	228000	232000	+2%
Nimruz	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	182000	206600	+14%
	Bist powder	Afghani	310000	295000	-5%
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	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.

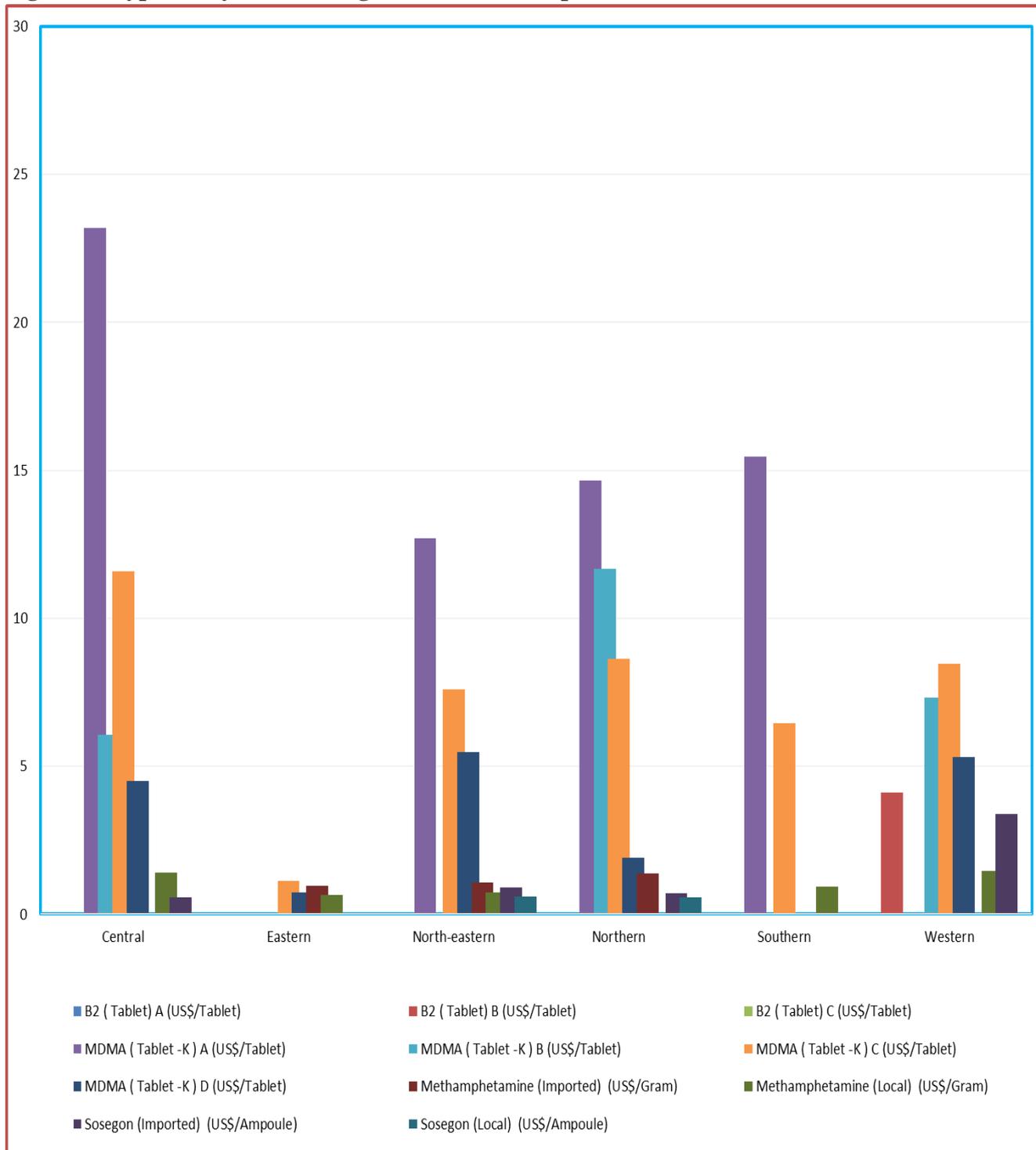
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details 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	September_23
Central	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.42
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	23.2
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	6.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	11.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	4.5
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.0
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.6
	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)	1.1
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	0.7	
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)	14.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	8.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	6.2
Northern	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.4
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	11.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	8.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	1.9
Southern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.9
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.4
Western	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.5
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	3.4
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	7.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	8.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.3
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	4.1

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

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Types of resin	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Garda # 1	39	41	43	43	43	37	34	36	39	39	40	37	41	+12%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	30	32	33	33	35	31	28	32	33	34	36	33	36	+9%
Nangarhar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	19	20	20	20	22	18	16	18	21	19	21	19	21	+10%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	98	82	85	82	121	142	116	129	116	130	132	129	124	-4%
Faryab	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	76	71	72	70	89	91	87	94	98	106	111	103	103	0%
Faryab	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	53	43	50	47	63	68	58	64	60	71	77	73	64	-12%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Garda # 1	69	65	80	93	128	136	122	117	107	122	126	110	108	-1%
Balkh	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	60	53	64	70	99	102	99	94	86	94	98	85	79	-8%
Balkh	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	23	29	34	37	57	68	51	59	50	59	61	49	41	-15%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Garda # 1	71	70	90	88	118	148	117	141	133	139	141	121	121	0%
Baghlan	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	57	54	61	59	97	114	93	117	110	114	118	97	98	+0.7%
Baghlan	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	34	35	44	40	64	80	58	82	74	85	87	73	68	-7%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	78	77	79	75	78	77	80	74	64	80	85	176	189	+7%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	84	88	91	84	82	82	85	80	73	88	94	183	195	+7%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	55	56	62	58	66	57	51	59	58	54	53	54	71	+32%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	35	36	40	38	39	34	25	28	28	27	27	30	46	+53%
Kandahar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	25	26	25	23	22	20	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	200	155	200	207	205	202	188	199	204	200	205	219	247	+13%
Hirat	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	189	97	96	138	137	148	94	100	105	100	94	103	111	+7%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Garda # 1	114	117	116	116	114	113	89	118	110	111	98	89	116	+31%
Panjshir	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

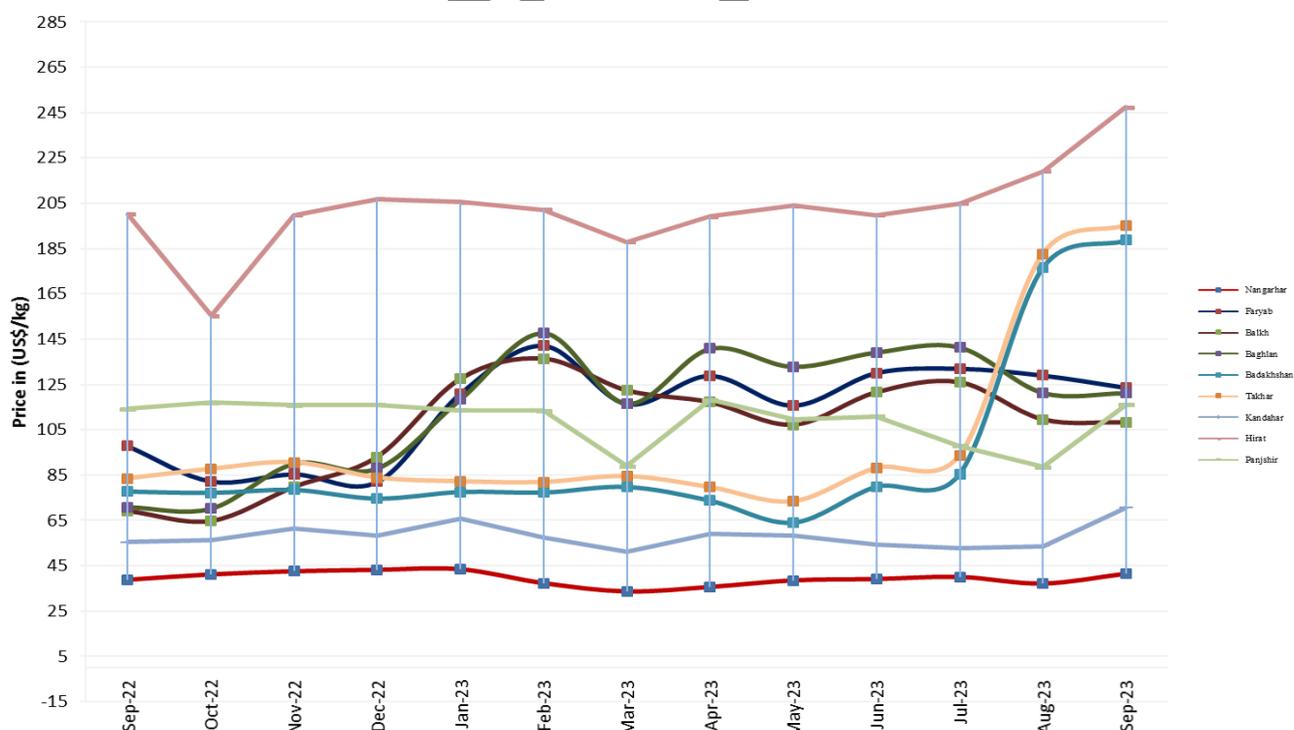


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep 2023

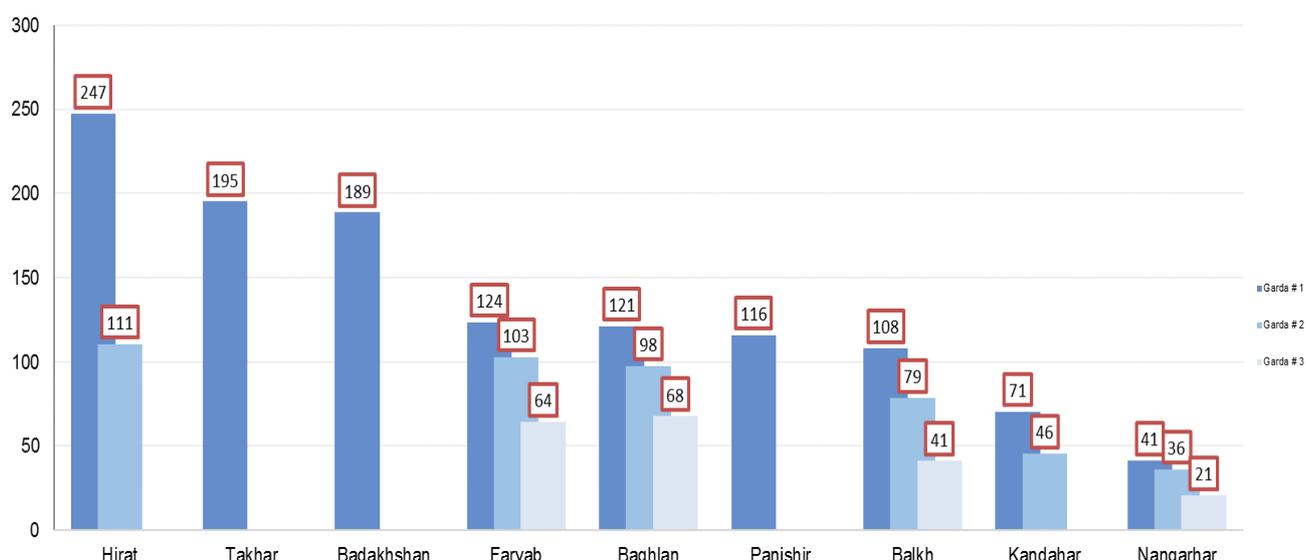


Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, August 2023 – September 2023

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Sep-Aug) %
			Aug-23	Sep-23	
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,200	12,000	+7%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	10,000	10,500	+5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	5,700	6,000	+5%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	10,600	9,600	-9%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	8,500	8,000	-6%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	6,000	5,000	-17%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	9,000	8,400	-7%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	7,000	6,100	-13%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	4,000	3,200	-20%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	10,000	9,300	-7%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	8,000	7,500	-6%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	6,000	5,200	-13%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	14,500	14,500	0%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	15,000	15,000	0%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	16,000	20,667	+29%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,889	13,333	+50%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	18,000	19,000	+6%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,500	0%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	7,400	9,000	+22%
	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, August – September 2023

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Aug -Sep) (%)
			Aug-23	Sep-23	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	60	+20%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	70	+17%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	70	+27%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	65	-7%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	85	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	65	+8%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	96	-4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	85	90	+6%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	100	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	55	60	+9%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	250	250	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	200	170	-15%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	150	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	93	86	-8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	56	53	-5%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	103	92	-10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	56	53	-5%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	275	325	+18%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	130	135	+4%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	240	260	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	120	115	-4%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	165	180	+9%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	100	75	-25%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	130	-13%

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

Types of seeds	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Increase/D decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.831	0.939	0.912	0.979	0.827	0.849	1.000	1.765	0.909	0.832	0.882	0.923	0.929	+1%
Poppy seed	1.095	1.394	1.356	1.632	1.432	1.474	1.779	2.840	1.328	1.272	1.314	1.336	1.442	+8%

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), September 2023

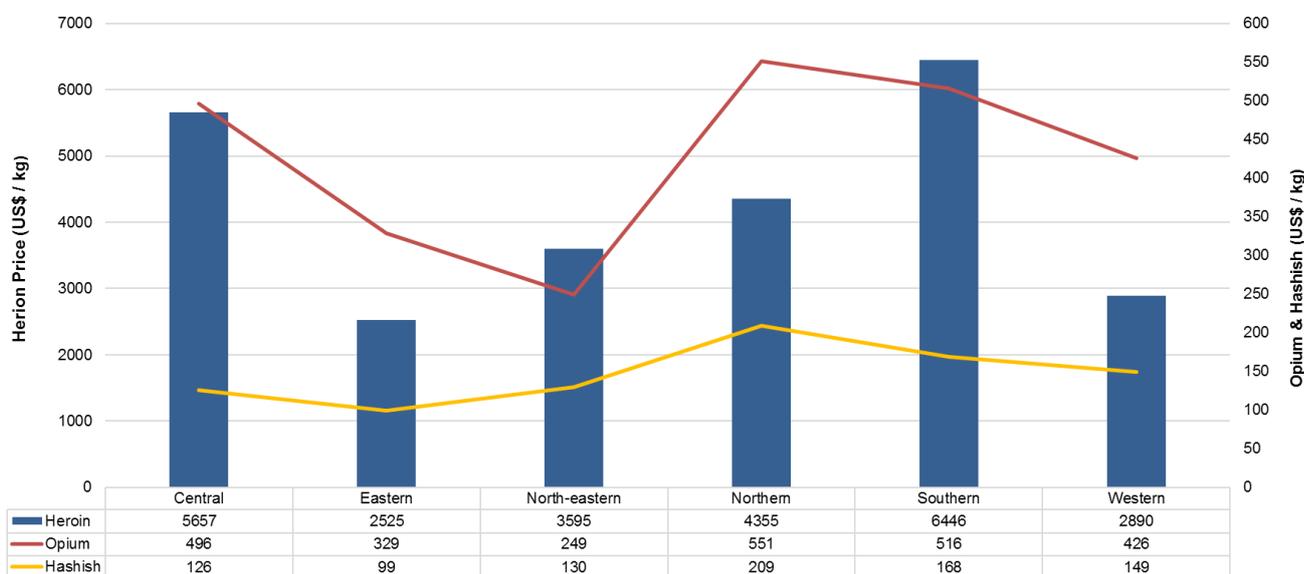


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep 22 – Sep 23

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Sep-Aug) (%)
	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	
Heroin	2,611	2,593	2,869	3,058	2,902	2,915	2,835	2,822	3,286	3,520	3,611	3,782	4,413	+17%
Opium	252	120	372	352	344	366	348	369	355	355	383	413	456	+10%
Hashish	140	116	132	143	138	133	131	141	132	145	141	136	148	+9%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride³

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	144	151	158	152	202	194	198	147	127	139	140	159	160	+1%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	68	75	76	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	48	55	56	58	59	58	55	57	58	59	59	58	66	+13%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	39	46	43	44	46	46	47	54	53	54	56	55	57	+4%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	149	148	152	146	110	143	149	155	128	138	143	169	168	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	42	69	63	67	89	89	72	67	78	80	77	81	85	+5%

³ Acetic anhydride is the chemical compound with the formula (CH₃CO)₂O. Commonly abbreviated Ac₂O, it is the simplest isolable anhydride of a carboxylic acid and is widely used as a reagent in organic synthesis. It is a colourless liquid that smells strongly of acetic acid, which is formed by its reaction with moisture in the air.

10.Ephedra (Oman)

Oman is one of the narcotic plants that are naturally found in different regions of Afghanistan. This plant, also known as ephedra, is used in the production of Methamphetamine. From September 2023, Deputy Ministry for Counter Narcotics also included the price of Oman in the monthly price of narcotic drugs.

Table 17: The average price of Ephedra(Oman) in Afghanistan (US\$/Kg) August 2023- September 2023

Average Price Of Ephedra (Oman) For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Aug-23	Sep-23	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Northern	-	0.79	-
North-east	-	0.80	-
Western	-	1.94	-
Central	-	-	-
Southern	-	-	-
Eastern	-	0.77	-
Average Prices for Afghanistan	-	1.07	-

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11. Licit Crops

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

Table18: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, Sep 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	-	182	2.3
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	128	1.6
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	65	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	26	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	115	1.5
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	115	1.5
Balkh	Rice Local	-	65	0.8
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	40	0.5
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	142	1.8
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	73	1.0
Takhar	Wheat	-	30	0.4
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	135	1.8
Takhar	Rice Local	-	71	0.9
Helmand	Wheat	111	-	0.4
Helmand	Cotton	620	-	2.1
Helmand	Rice Imported	400	-	1.4
Kandahar	Wheat	115	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	625	-	2.2
Kandahar	Rice Imported	362	-	1.2
Hirat	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	170	2.2
Hirat	Saffron	-	70000	911
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	95	1.2
Hirat	Rice Local	-	50	0.7

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

Types of crops	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat (Local)	0.56	0.54	0.59	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.54	0.45	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.40	+9%
Cotton	2.50	2.60	2.67	2.57	2.40	2.18	2.20	1.87	2.12	2.14	1.97	1.97	2.07	+5%
Saffron	1258	1211	1020	977	856	852	871	879	874	846	852	852	911	+7%
Rice (Imported)	1.42	1.36	1.35	1.29	1.33	1.30	1.23	1.26	1.37	1.37	1.42	1.42	1.51	+7%
Rice (Local)	0.77	0.72	0.76	0.76	0.72	0.70	0.67	0.66	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.84	+4%

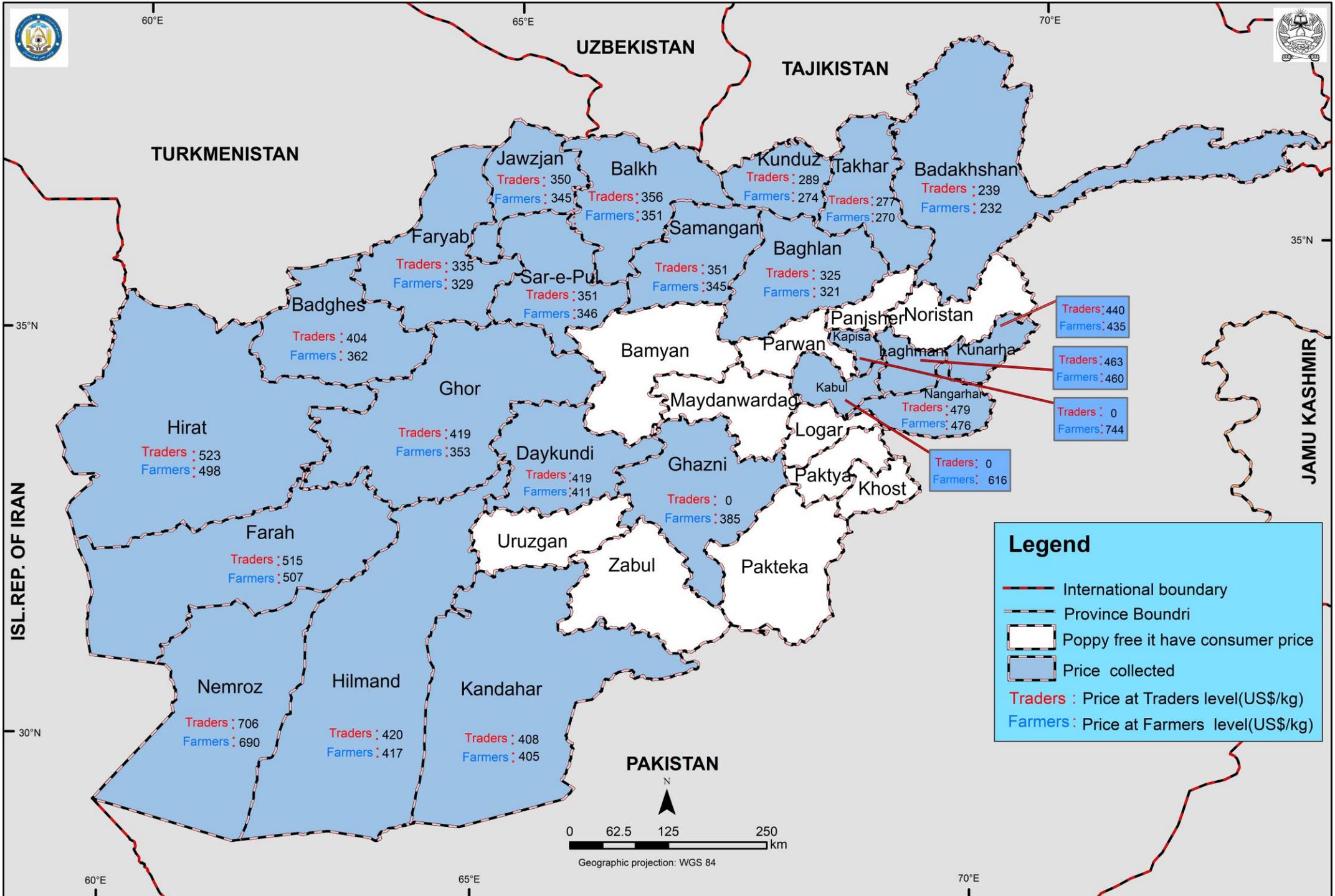
12. Methodology

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ From September 2023, Deputy Ministry for Counter Narcotics also included the price of Oman in the monthly price of narcotic drugs.

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	167	164	23
Fresh Opium	107	103	19

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (September 2023)



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