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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		
	February_2024	March_2024	Change %	March_2023	March_2024	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	810	818	+1%	309	818	+164%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	837	833	-0.5%	331	833	+152%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	548	553	+1%	224	553	+147%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	563	568	+1%	230	568	+147%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	-	11000	-	-	-	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	7422	7594	+2%	3540	7594	+115%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	6202	6366	+3%	2738	6366	+133%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	6301	6403	+2%	2598	6403	+146%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	188	192	+2%	98	192	+96%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	117	127	+8%	71	127	+78%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	111	114	+3%	40	114	+185%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.00	2.14	+7%	0.84	2.14	+156%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.24	1.35	+9%	1.3	1.35	+6%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.62	1.39	-14%	1.0	1.39	+35%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.79	0.79	0%	0.62	0.79	+27%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.1	15.0	-1%	12.0	15.0	+25%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10.0	10.0	0%	7.8	10.0	+29%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.4	6.8	+6%	6.3	6.8	+7%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.11	3.40	+9%	2.9	3.40	+18%

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 24 provinces in March 2024. 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\$ 818/kg) at the end of March 2024, which is 1 % higher compared to the price reported in February 2024 (US\$ 810/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in March 2024 is 164% higher than the price reported in March 2023, which was (US\$ 309/kg).

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 - March 2024)

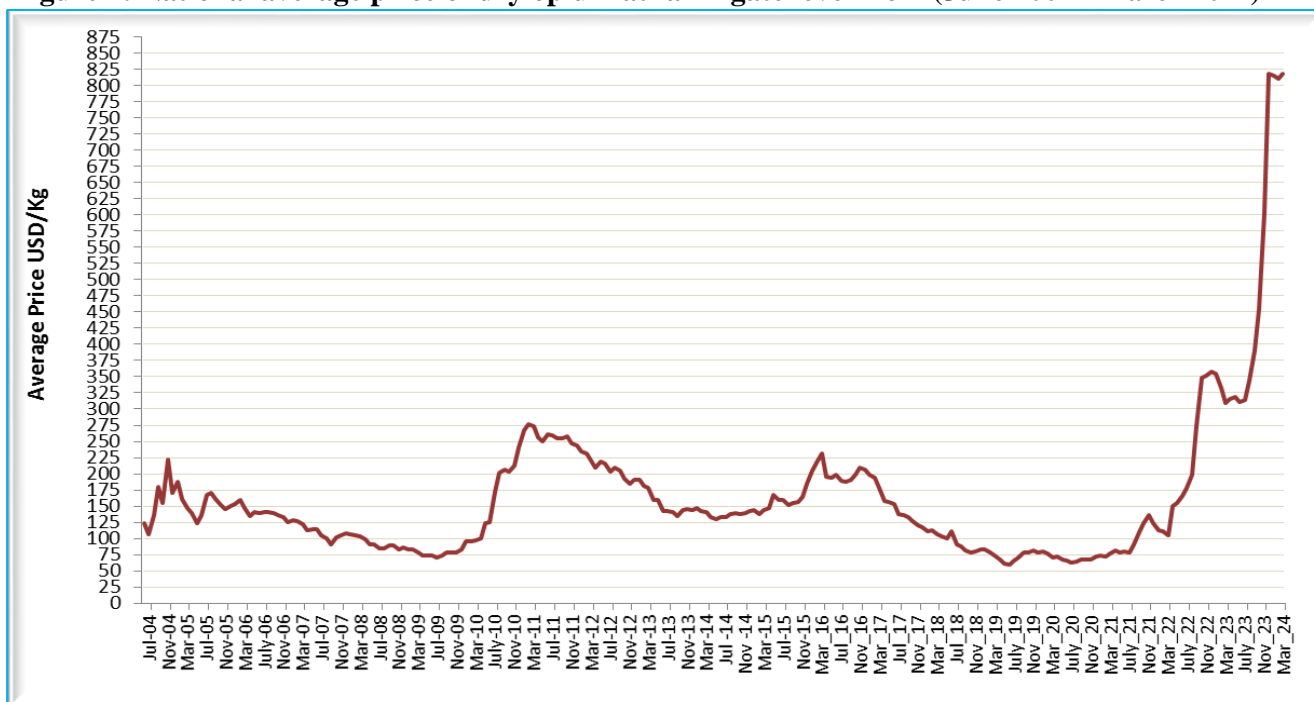


Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (February 2024 to March 2024)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Feb-24	Mar-24	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1130	1167	+3%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	720	723	+0.5%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	851	848	-0.3%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	675	673	-0.3%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	648	631	-3%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	930	881	-5%
Average	810	818	+1%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 833/kg) at the end of March 2024, showing 0.5% decrease compared to the price reported last month in February 2024 (US\$ 837/kg).

The average dry opium price at trader level in March 2024 is 152 % higher than the price reported last year in March 2023, which was (US\$ 331/kg).

The dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 1% in the southern region. The price has decreased by 2%, 2%, 1%, and 0.2% in the north-eastern, northern, eastern, and western regions, respectively.

Figure 2: National average price of dry opium at trader level US\$/kg (March 2023 to March 2024)

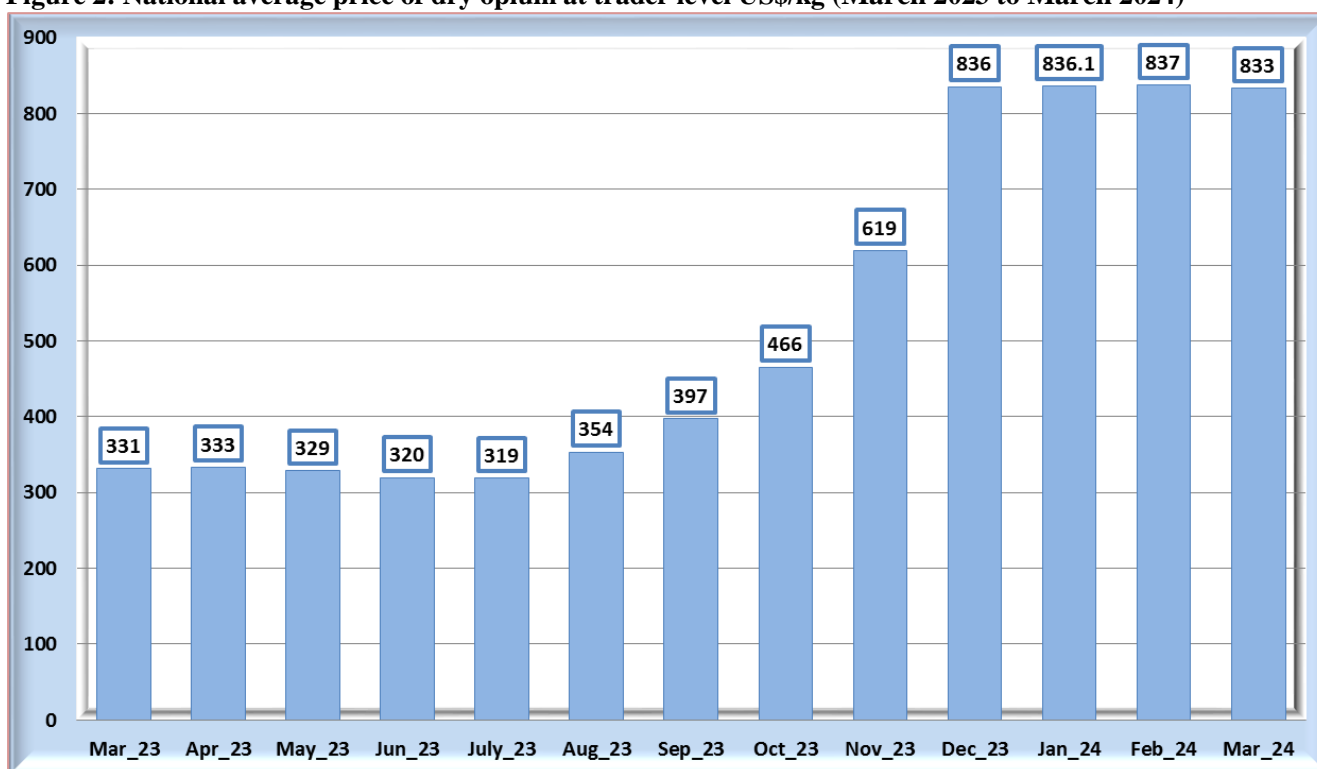


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (February 2024 to March 2024)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Feb-24	Mar-24	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1184	1170	-1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	721	727	+1%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	884	883	-0.2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	716	703	-2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	654	639	-2%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	837	833	-0.5%

3.2. Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality)

3.2.1. Farm-gate price

From the point of view of quality, the price of dry opium has not changed 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 was (US\$ 907/kg) in March 2024, showing a decrease of 5% compared to the price reported in February 2024 (US\$ 950/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province was (US\$ 1005/kg) in March 2024, showing an increase of 8% compared to the price reported in February 2024 (US\$ 934/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Mar-Feb) %	Hilmand		Price change (Mar-Feb) %
	Feb-24	Mar-24		Feb-24	Mar-24	
<i>Farm-gate price</i> (US\$/Kg)	950	907	-5%	934	1005	+8%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 913/kg) in March 2024, showing a decrease of 5% compared to the price reported in February 2024 (US\$ 958/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 1009/kg) in March 2024, showing an increase of 8% compared to the price reported in February 2024 (US\$ 938/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Mar-Feb) %	Hilmand		Price change (Mar-Feb) %
	Feb-24	Mar-24		Feb-24	Mar-24	
<i>Trader price</i> (US\$/Kg)	958	913	-5%	938	1009	+8%

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 (Mar-Feb) (%)	Change at trader level (Mar-Feb) (%)
		Feb-24		Mar-24			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	315593	330585	324295	325153	+3%	-2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	204158	204480	201004	201971	-2%	-1%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	48698	51986	50467	54056	+4%	+4%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	46851969	47539033	49000812	49761620	+5%	+5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	48714	51675	47268	49382	-3%	-4%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	46474	46939	46681	47268	+0.4%	+1%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kاپisa)	Afghani	66750	-	62083	-	-7%	-

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of March 2024, the national average price of fresh opium increased by 1% from (US\$ 548/kg) in February 2024 to (US\$ 553/kg) in March 2024 at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by 1% from (US\$ 563/kg) in February 2024 to (US\$ 568/kg) in March 2024.

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level US\$/kg (June 2005 to March 2024)

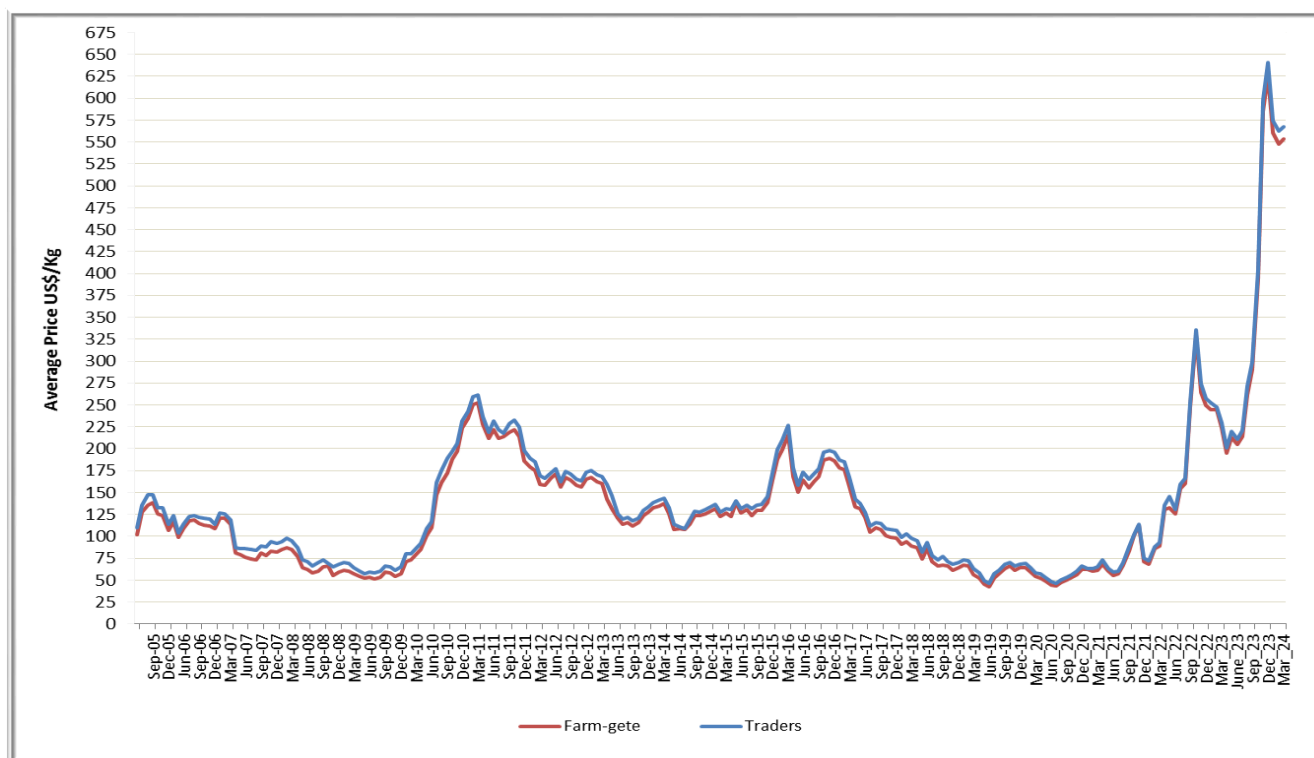


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Mar-Feb) (%)	Change at trader level (Mar-Feb) (%)
		Feb-24		Mar-24			
		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	137748	137348	134246	136165	-3%	-1%
Western region (Badghis and Chor) *	Afghani	36963	39644	37921	41394	+3%	+4%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	33368612	33841426	33052473	34332975	-1%	+1%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	36750	37200	39685	40100	+8%	+8%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	64500	-	61100	-	-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 off-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\$ 252/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 8: Prices of different types of heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), March 2023–March 2024

Provinces	Types of heroin	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Change (Mar-Feb) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,015	3,983	3,890	4,043	4,079	4,201	4,823	4,547	4,932	9,634	10,313	9,538	9,534	-0.04%
Takhar	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,226	4,158	4,299	4,245	4,278	4,294	4,873	4,749	5,036	10,141	11,787	10,040	10,072	+0.3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,641	2,577	2,149	2,021	2,089	2,173	2,386	2,223	2,365	7,876	8,735	8,032	8,057	+0.3%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,226	4,100	4,504	4,346	4,378	4,481	5,178	4,901	5,242	11,140	12,734	10,542	10,575	+0.3%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	1,043	1,073	1,132	1,139	1,147	1,109	1,148	1,218	1,467	5,653	6,334	6,387	8,202	+28%
	Bist powder	539	568	566	569	575	558	577	620	771	5,236	5,473	5,518	7,015	+27%
	Chara # 1	64	71	73	75	77	75	80	88	148	838	1,242	1,270	1,331	+5%
	Chara # 2	46	57	59	62	63	61	64	74	103	642	700	583	630	+8%
	Khata # 1	44	52	52	54	55	53.5	56.4	63	95	178	287	322	342	+6%
	Khata # 2	33	37	40	41	43	42	44	49	81	143	201	233	252	+8%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,680	3,756	3,678	3,844	2,664	4,018	4,327	4,653	5,715	5,740	5,571	5,816	6,271	+8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,853	2,934	2,857	2,957	2,959	3,092	3,349	3,682	4,103	4,121	4,248	4,431	4,703	+6%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,437	3,515	3,437	3,643	3,650	3,847	4,147	4,519	5,423	5,593	5,555	5,962	6,263	+5%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,330	2,519	2,447	2,543	2,543	2,654	2,962	3,305	3,884	4,097	4,097	4,506	4,982	+11%
	Bist powder - 20%	1,107	1,172	1,142	1,230	1,236	1,339	1,597	1,780	2,081	2,179	2,222	2,496	2,705	+8%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	2,835	2,794	2,796	2,792	2,798	3,685	3,929	4,226	7,247	6,638	5,949	5,957	6,118	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,658	2,617	2,656	2,653	2,728	3,350	3,758	4,081	7,000	6,424	5,734	5,742	5,974	+4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,898	4,208	4,368	4,293	4,547	6,700	6,970	7,440	10,905	10,456	8,709	8,721	8,277	-5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,757	4,067	4,123	4,119	4,268	6,097	6,355	6,790	10,535	10,242	8,852	8,864	8,457	-5%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	2,840	2,794	2,761	2,758	2,763	3,618	3,758	4,081	7,282	6,638	5,949	5,957	6,082	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,663	2,652	2,621	2,618	2,624	3,250	3,553	3,828	7,035	6,424	5,734	5,742	5,830	+2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,906	3,890	4,228	4,258	4,477	6,700	6,901	7,368	10,905	10,349	8,601	8,613	8,349	-3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,693	3,678	3,914	4,049	4,198	6,030	6,491	6,934	10,570	10,099	8,709	8,721	8,457	-3%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,937	1,991	1,841	2,010	2,060	2,191	2,252	2,422	2,640	2,752	3,438	3,988	4,098	+3%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,111	3,280	3,087	3,055	2,985	3,104	3,710	4,845	4,841	6,954	6,876	6,896	7,256	+5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,702	1,757	1,864	2,468	2,341	2,678	3,020	3,668	5,134	6,084	6,034	6,038	6,047	+0.2%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	3,290	3,277	3,469	3,840	4,429	5,354	7,968	7,858	7,963	8,537	+7%
	Morphine	-	-	2,738	3,114	3,043	3,165	3,384	3,599	3,814	5,940	5,823	-	-	-
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,005	3,010	3,029	2,938	2,985	3,408	3,775	4,637	5,721	7,823	7,717	6,924	6,972	+1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,287	3,303	3,495	3,173	3,195	3,651	3,983	5,122	6,161	8,692	9,121	8,690	8,893	+2%
	Morphine	2,630	2,636	2,679	2,350	2,376	3,104	3,319	4,429	5,427	6,084	7,016	6,301	6,403	+2%
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,287	3,280	2,932	2,409	2,751	2,775	3,020	3,211	3,814	4,418	4,420	4,099	5,357	+31%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,583	2,577	2,563	1,998	2,282	2,215	2,689	2,860	3,227	3,549	3,508	3,462	4,524	+31%
	Bist powder	-	-	4,077	3,643	3,804	3,773	3,840	4,083	5,134	5,795	6,314	6,190	-	-
	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 currencies other than USD

Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) %
			Feb-24	Mar-24	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	774,793	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	688,750	671,531	-3%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	725,000	706,875	-3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	580,000	565,500	-3%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	761,250	742,219	-3%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	1,785,000	2,280,000	+28%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	1,542,000	1,950,000	+26%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	355,000	370,000	+4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	163,000	175,000	+7%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	90,000	95,000	+6%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	65,000	70,000	+8%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	420,000	440,000	+5%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	320,000	330,000	+3%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	430,000	440,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	325,000	350,000	+8%
	Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	180,000	190,000	+6%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,660,000	1,700,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,600,000	1,660,000	+4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,430,000	2,300,000	-5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,470,000	2,350,000	-5%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,660,000	1,690,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,600,000	1,620,000	+1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,400,000	2,320,000	-3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,430,000	2,350,000	-3%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	288,000	288,000	0%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	498,000	510,000	+2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	436,000	425,000	-3%
	Bist powder	Afghani	575,000	600,000	+4%
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	500,000	490,000	-2%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	627,500	625,000	-0.4%
	Morphine	Afghani	455,000	450,000	-1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	296,000	376,514	+27%
Nimruz	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	250,000	317,945	+27%
	Bist powder	Afghani	447,000	-	-
	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.

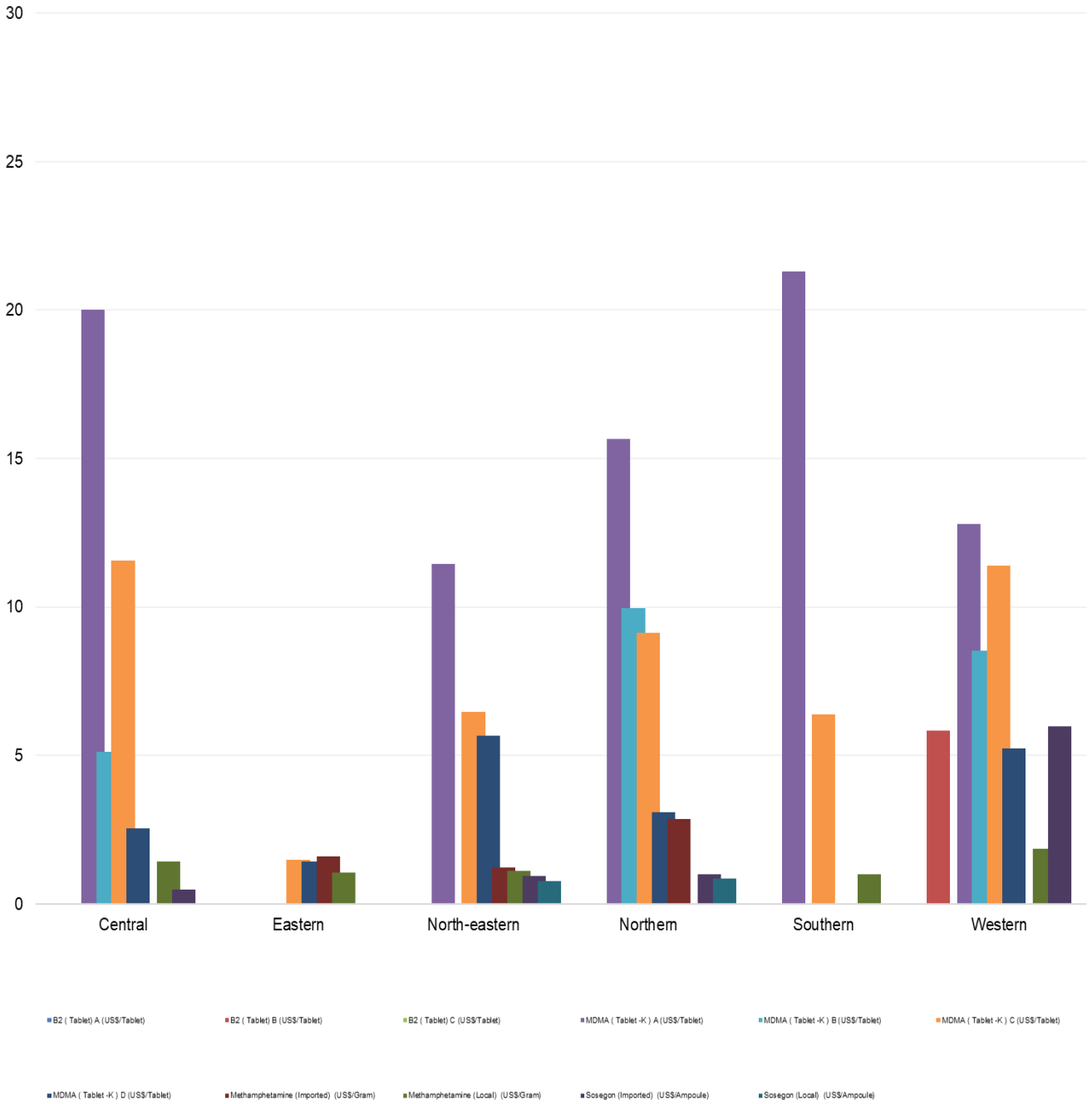
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details 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	Mar_24
Central	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.42
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.50
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	20.01
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	11.57
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.11
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.55
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.59
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.07
	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)	1.50
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	1.43	
North-eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.22
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.11
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.95
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.77
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	11.46
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.48
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.68
Northern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.87
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.00
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.85
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.67
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	9.96
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	9.13
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.08
Southern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.99
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	21.31
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.39
Western	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.85
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	5.98
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	12.81
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.54
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	11.38
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.25
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.83

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- March 2024



6. Cannabis Resin

There are mainly three types of cannabis resin available in Afghanistan, namely Garda # 1, # 2, and # 3, with the quality being 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 the 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), March 2023–March 2024

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Types of resin	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Change (Mar-Feb) %
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Garda # 1	34	36	39	39	40	37	41	47	49	86	108	100	90	-10%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	28	32	33	34	36	33	36	39	42	64	79	72	65	-10%
Nangarhar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	16	18	21	19	21	19	21	25	28	43	57	54	50	-6%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	116	129	116	130	132	129	124	148	220	224	223	194	214	+10%
Faryab	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	87	94	98	106	111	103	103	121	176	188	195	166	185	+11%
Faryab	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	58	64	60	71	77	73	64	81	147	159	167	138	143	+3%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Garda # 1	122	117	107	122	126	110	108	135	176	189	194	189	199	+5%
Balkh	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	99	94	86	94	98	85	79	94	147	145	167	154	171	+11%
Balkh	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	51	59	50	59	61	49	41	54	117	116	139	140	142	+2%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Garda # 1	117	141	133	139	141	121	121	152	205	210	216	209	213.4	+2%
Baghlan	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	93	117	110	114	118	97	98	120	147	152	154	146	157	+7%
Baghlan	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	58	82	74	85	87	73	68	90	117	116	119	111	121	+9%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	80	74	64	80	85	176	189	187	208	217	217	210	213	+1%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	85	80	73	88	94	183	195	194	217	235	232	217	221	+2%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	51	59	58	54	53	54	71	74	189	182	94	92	92	0%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	25	28	28	27	27	30	46	48	149	143	52	49	48	-3%
Kandahar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	188	199	204	200	205	219	247	249	264	275	295	277	299	+8%
Hirat	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	94	100	105	100	94	103	111	118	125	123	126	118	135	+15%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Garda # 1	89	118	110	111	98	89	116	111	125	180	193	205	184	-10%
Panjshir	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Figure 5: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda #1, best quality) in US\$/kg, March 2023–March 2024

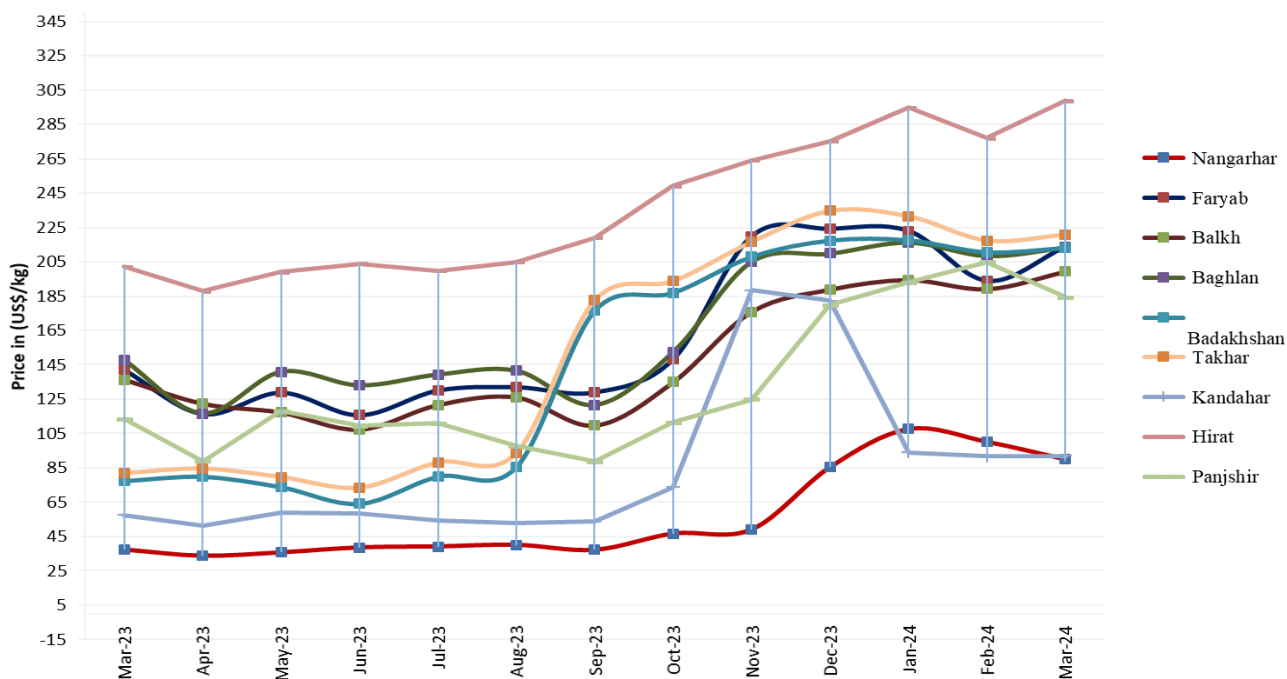


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), March 2024

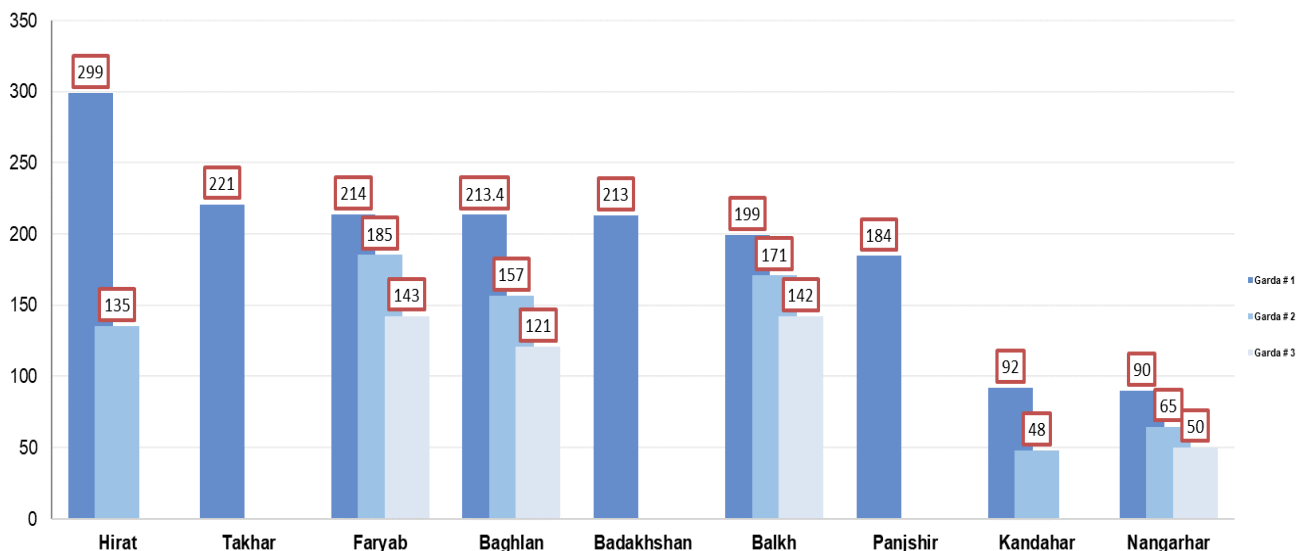


Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Feb 2024–Mar 2024

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) %
			Feb-24	Mar-24	
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	28,000	25,000	-11%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	20,000	18,000	-10%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	15,000	14,000	-7%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	14,000	15,000	+7%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	12,000	13,000	+8%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	10,000	10,000	0%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	13,500	14,000	+4%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	11,000	12,000	+9%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	10,000	10,000	0%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	15,000	15,000	0%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	10,500	11,000	+5%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	8,000	8,500	+6%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	15,200	15,000	-1%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	15,700	15,500	-1%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	25,556	25,556	0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	13,778	13,333	-3%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1	Afghani	20,000	21,000	+5%
	Garda # 2	Afghani	8,500	9,500	+12%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	14,700	13,000	-12%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	-	-	-

7. 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, Feb 2024–Mar 2024

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) (%)
			Feb-24	Mar-24	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	96	+7%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	83	87	+5%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	110	115	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	95	98	+3%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	100	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	80	+14%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	85	85	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	72	75	+4%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	126	130	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	80	+7%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	160	160	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	150	150	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	170	170	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	80	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	101	95	-5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	52	73	+41%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	104	101	-3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	58	67	+17%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	138	135	-3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	55	79	+43%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	98	95	-3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	63	76	+19%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	475	375	-21%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	135	140	+4%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	390	380	-3%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	125	120	-4%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	200	188	-6%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	110	+10%

Table 14: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), March 2023–March 2024

Types of seeds	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	1.000	1.765	0.909	0.832	0.882	0.923	0.929	0.924	0.933	1.105	1.016	0.980	1.105	+13%
Poppy seed	1.779	2.840	1.328	1.272	1.314	1.336	1.442	1.417	1.603	1.978	1.669	1.659	1.679	+1%

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), Mar 2024

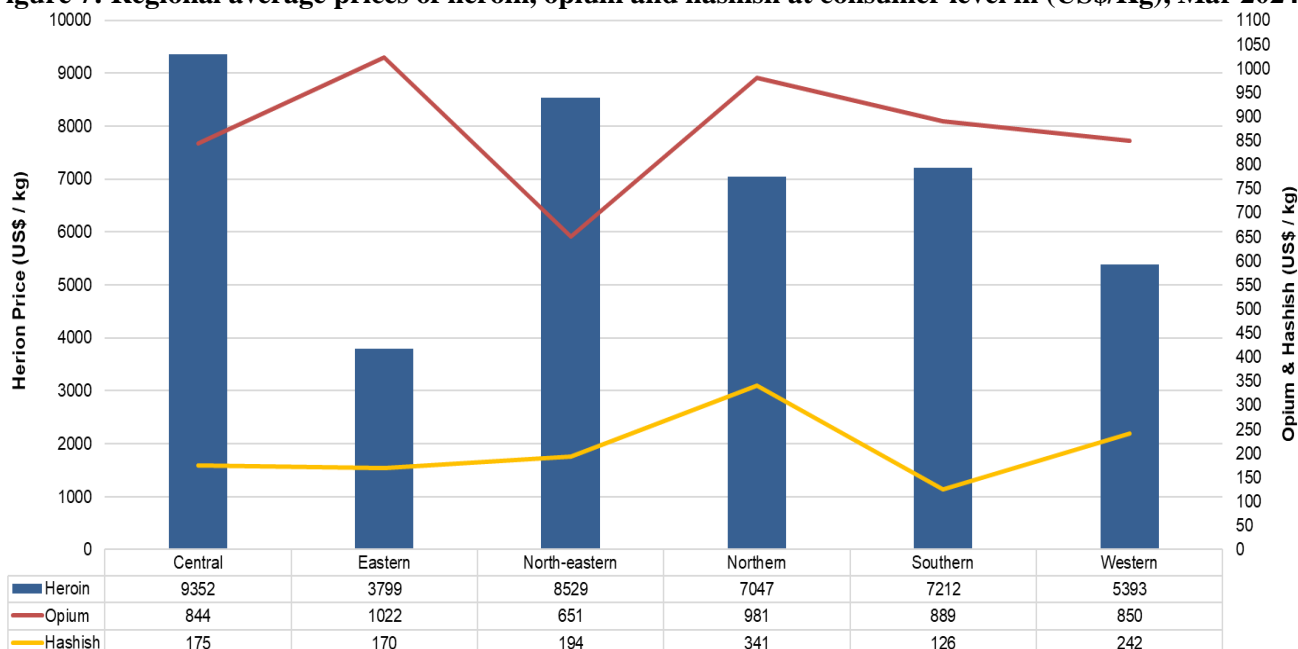


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Mar 23 – Mar 24

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Mar-Feb) (%)
	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	
Heroin	2,835	2,822	3,286	3,520	3,611	3,782	4,413	4,463	5,605	7,997	7,150	7,624	7,427	-3%
Opium	348	369	355	355	383	413	456	496	592	1,502	850	812	867	+7%
Hashish	131	141	132	145	141	136	148	165	216	264	214	214	210	-2%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

Table 16 Average Price of Acetic Anhydride in Afghanistan (US\$/Lit) March 2023–March 2024

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Increase / Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	198	147	127	139	140	159	160	178	191	182	243	232	245	+6%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	55	57	58	59	59	58	66	72	91	143	122	119	126	+6%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	47	54	53	54	56	55	57	61	88	136	104	90	97	+8%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	149	155	128	138	143	169	168	179	182	203	203	193	199	+3%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	72	67	78	80	77	81	85	92	108	116	131	134	103	-23%

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, and 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), February 2024–March 2024

Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Feb-24	Mar-24	Change (Mar-Feb) %
Northern	0.66	0.73	+11%
North-east	0.99	0.85	-14%
Western	1.28	1.39	+8%
Central	1.18	1.24	+5%
Southern	0.42	0.86	+107%
Eastern	0.90	0.88	-3%
Average Prices for Afghanistan	0.93	1.02	+10%

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, March 2024

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Nangarhar	Wheat	-	41	0.6
Nangarhar	Cotton	-	102	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	105	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	53	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	24	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	120	1.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	120	1.7
Balkh	Rice Local	-	70	1.0
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	31	0.4
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	126	1.8
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	126	0.9
Takhar	Wheat	-	64	0.4
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	116	1.7
Takhar	Rice Local	-	62	0.9
Helmand	Wheat	-	27	0.4
Helmand	Cotton	-	129	1.8
Helmand	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Kandahar	Wheat	-	28	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	-	131	1.9
Kandahar	Rice Imported	-	89	1.3
Hirat	Wheat	-	23	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	200	2.8
Hirat	Saffron	-	122000	1736
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	115	1.6
Hirat	Rice Local	-	86	1.2

Table 19: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported, and local rice in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), March 2023–March 2024

Types of crops	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat (Local)	0.54	0.45	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.43	0.46	0.41	-12%
Cotton	2.20	1.87	2.12	2.14	1.97	1.97	2.07	2.13	2.07	1.90	1.93	1.88	1.94	+3%
Saffron	871	879	874	846	852	852	911	969	1100	1014	982	1108	1736	+12%
Rice (Imported)	1.23	1.26	1.37	1.37	1.42	1.42	1.51	1.50	1.56	1.51	1.64	1.53	1.55	+1%
Rice (Local)	0.67	0.66	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.88	0.95	0.98	1.10	0.96	-13%

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.
- ❖ Approval and publication of Articles No. 13 and 32 of Mutahed Al-Mal regarding the determination of special penalties for types of drug activities.
- ❖ 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.

Reasons for the rise and fall of each category of drugs

First Part Opium:

Changes in Opium Prices across Afghanistan: Opium prices in Afghanistan have fallen slightly (**0.5%**) compared to last month.

Changes in Opium Prices at the Regional Level:

- **The South Region** saw a **1% increase** due to the decrease in the value of the US dollar against Pakistani rupees.
- In the **Western region**, the price of opium has decreased due to the decrease of drug seekers (addicts) from the level of cities, and due to the beginning of spring poppy cultivation in some provinces, the price of opium has decreased.
- There has been a decrease in the price of opium (**2%**) in the North-East region, the reason for which was the arrival of a high-ranking delegation led by the Minister of Anti-Narcotics to the said region this year. The delegation discussed the seriousness of counter-narcotics with the authorities. Because of this, the level of buying and selling of drugs has decreased in the aforementioned region, due to which the price of opium has decreased.
- In the eastern region, there has been a decrease (**1%**) compared to last month, which is due to the seizure of opium by the security forces, especially in the border areas.
- **The number of opium sellers** in the Northern Region **has decreased, resulting in a 2% decrease** in the price of opium.

Second Part Cannabis:

- The reason for the increase in the price of cannabis at the level of Afghanistan is due to the increase in the price of cannabis in the northern region (the implementation of the law, the elimination of the cultivation of cannabis, and the decrease in production). Because cannabis reaches Hirat from the northern region, especially from Balkh and Andarab provinces, the increase in the price of cannabis in the northern region has led to an increase in the price of cannabis in Hirat.

Third Part Heroin:

Heroin is made from opium; a decrease in the price of opium leads to a fall in the price of heroin.

Fourth Part Synthetic Drugs:

- According to our analysis, synthetic drugs are mostly used by addicts. Therefore, it can be said on the same basis that the price reduction of synthetic drugs is due to the accumulation of addicts because the main applicants have decreased at the level of cities.
- The reason for the increase in the prices of some synthetic drugs, such as Pakistani tablet-k and imported methamphetamine, is the prevention of their entry into the country as a result of border control by the active forces and authorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

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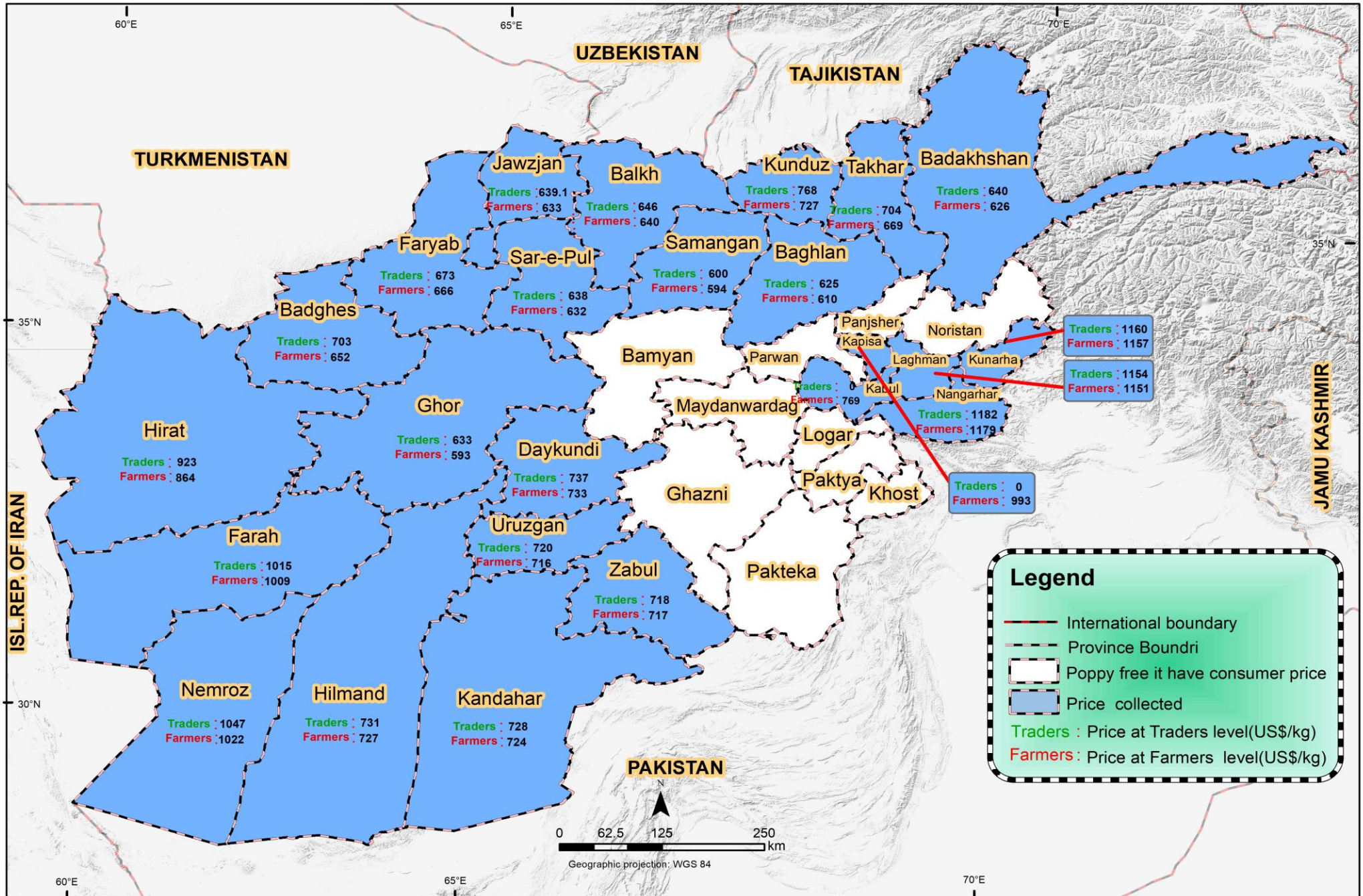
13. Methodology

- ❖ 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	175	173	24
Fresh Opium	73	70	15

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (March 2024)



Source: NSAD/DM-CN/MoIA



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