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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		
	August_2024	September_2024	Change %	September_2023	September_2024	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	805	792	-1.5%	390	792	+103%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	812	802	-1.2%	397	802	+102%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	563	537	-4.5%	290	537	+85%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	573	564	-1.5%	299	564	+88%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	10194	10698	+5%	-	-	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	7055	7130	+1.1%	4618	7130	+54%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	6028	5660	-6%	3709	5660	+53%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	5370	5531	+3.0%	3352	5531	+65%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	197	237	+20%	135	237	+76%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	131	171	+30%	79	171	+117%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	113	155	+37%	49	155	+219%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.07	2.09	+1%	1.26	2.09	+67%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.16	1.20	+3%	1.051	1.20	+14%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.19	1.21	+2%	1.247	1.21	-3%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.73	0.78	+7%	0.63	0.78	+25%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.9	15.2	+2%	15.8	15.2	-3%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	6.6	6.5	-1%	8.8	6.5	-26%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.0	5.98	-1%	7.5	6.0	-20%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.07	3.00	-2%	2.87	3.00	+5%

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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 25 provinces in September 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\$ 792/kg) at the end of September 2024, which is 1.5% Lower compared to the price reported in August 2024 (US\$ 805/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in September 2024 is 103% higher than the price reported in September 2023, which was (US\$ 390/kg).

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



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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Aug-24	Sep-24	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1207	1201	-0.5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	706	681	-4%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	938	893	-5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	492	514	+4%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	624	618	-1%
Central region (Kabul, Chazni and Kapisa)	988	876	-11%
Average	805	792	-1.5%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 802/kg) at the end of September 2024, showing 1.2% decrease compared to the price reported last month in August 2024 (US\$ 812/kg).

The average dry opium price at trader level in September 2024 is 102% higher than the price reported last year in September 2023, which was (US\$ 397/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 5% in the North-eastern region. The Price has decreased by 4%, 4%, 1% and 0.5% in the Southern, Western, Northern and Eastern regions respectively.

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

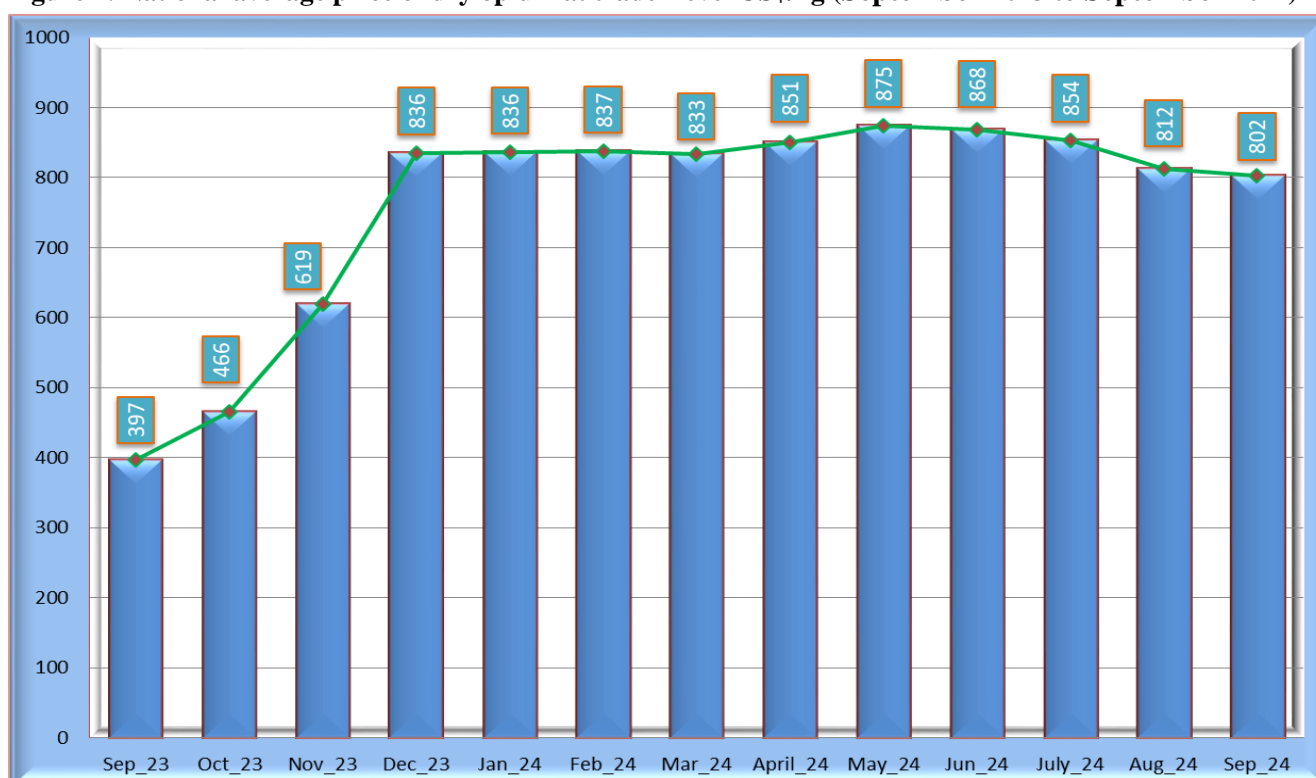


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (August 2024 to September 2024)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Aug-24	Sep-24	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1210	1204	-0.5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	710	685	-4%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	964	921	-4%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	506	529	+5%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	631	625	-1%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	812	802	-1.2%

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\$ 823/kg) in September 2024, showing a decrease of 2% compared to the price reported in August 2024 (US\$ 843/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province was (US\$ 942/kg) in September 2024, showing a decrease of 2% compared to the price reported in August 2024 (US\$ 964/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-24	Sep-24		Aug-24	Sep-24	
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	843	823	-2%	964	942	-2%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 832/kg) in September 2024, showing a decrease of 2% compared to the price reported in August 2024 (US\$ 851/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 946/kg) in September 2024, showing a decrease of 3% compared to the price reported in August 2024 (US\$ 973/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-24	Sep-24		Aug-24	Sep-24	
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	851	832	-2%	973	946	-3%

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-24		Sep-24			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	336113	336938	333212	334070	-0.9%	-1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	196272	197384	188566	189677	-4%	-4%
Western region (Badghis and Chor) *	Afghani	53383	55389	52656	55264	-1.4%	-0.2%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	48802619	49697378	50306283	51096267	+3%	+3%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	34342	35323	34575	35628	+1%	+1%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	43658	44094	41768	42206	-4%	-4%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	69050	-	59833	-	-13%	-

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of September 2024, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by 4.5% from (US\$ 563/kg) in August 2024 to (US\$ 537/kg) in September 2024 at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by 1.5% from (US\$ 573/kg) in August 2024 to (US\$ 564/kg) in September 2024.

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

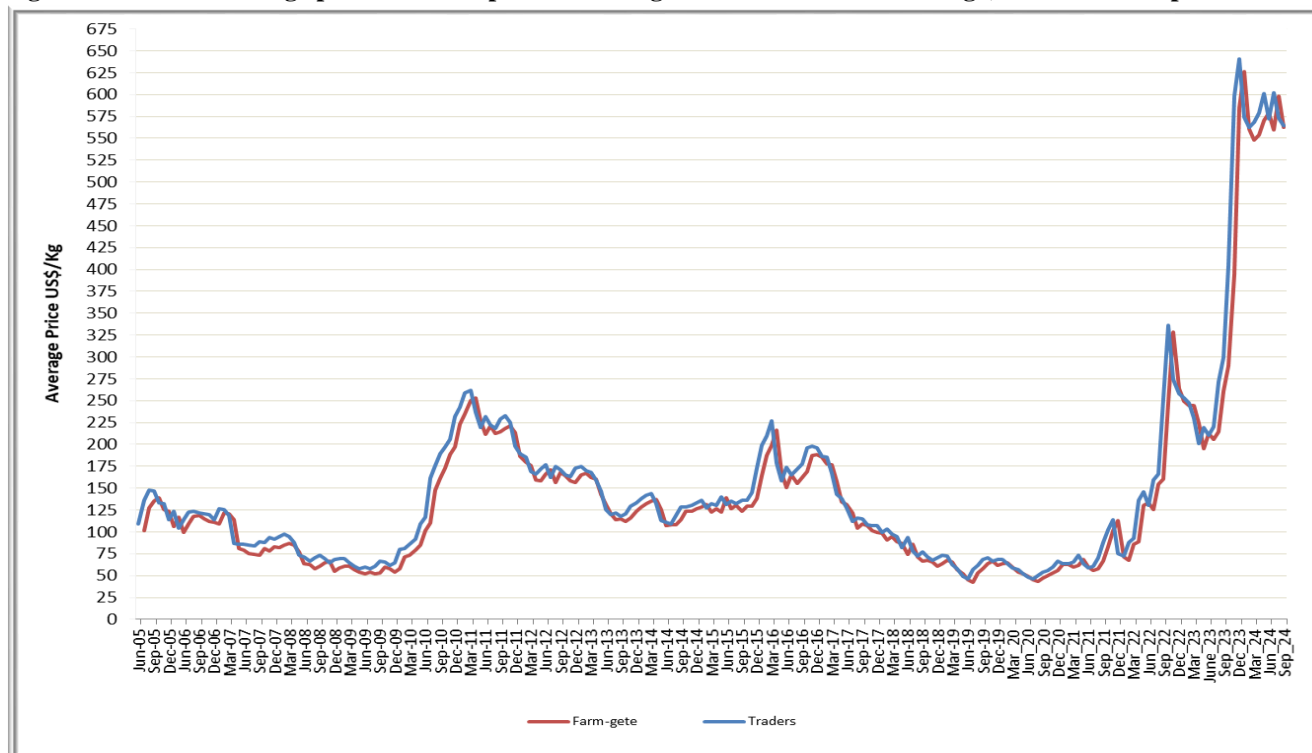


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Sep-Aug) (%)	Change at trader level (Sep-Aug) (%)
		Aug-24		Sep-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	163992	166093	149541	151577	-9%	-9%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	41247	45583	40953	45583	-1%	0%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	31845557	32377025	33607037	34152190	+6%	+5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	31658	33041	31394	32819	-1%	-1%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	36706	37153	35712	36153	-3%	-3%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	67667	-	-	-	-	-

* 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 best powder in Hirat, Farah, Nimroz and Badghis provinces are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (US\$ 361/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Provinces	Types of heroin	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000	-	11,708	11,554	11,230	10,769	11,273	+5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,823	4,547	4,932	9,634	10,313	9,538	9,534	11,122	10,697	10,020	8,050	7,475	7,812	+5%
Takhar	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,134	10,698	9,998	9,618	10,123	+5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,873	4,749	5,036	10,141	11,787	10,040	10,072	10,100	10,644	9,699	8,193	7,318	7,887	+8%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,386	2,223	2,365	7,876	8,735	8,032	8,057	8,082	8,834	8,701	7,305	6,136	5,028	-18%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	5,178	4,901	5,242	11,140	12,734	10,542	10,575	9,823	10,332	9,628	8,308	7,017	6,416	-9%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	1,148	1,218	1,467	5,653	6,334	6,387	8,202	8,574	8,569	8,632	8,689	8,735	8,736	+0.01%
	Best powder	577	620	771	5,236	5,473	5,518	7,015	7,409	7,410	7,469	7,501	7,945	7,499	-6%
	Chara # 1	80	88	148	838	1,242	1,270	1,331	1,435	1,447	1,451	1,569	1,609	1,594	-1%
	Chara # 2	64	74	103	642	700	583	630	681	702	745	759	808	786	-3%
	Khata # 1	56	63	95	178	287	322.0	341.8	386	403	439	450	478	451	-6%
	Khata # 2	44	49	81	143	201	233	252	281	306	342	353	374	361	-3%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality-60%	4,327	4,653	5,715	5,740	5,571	5,816	6,271	6,761	7,215	6,016	6,086	6,002	6,158	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality-40%	3,349	3,682	4,103	4,121	4,248	4,431	4,703	5,071	5,388	5,300	5,327	5,259	5,372	+2%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality-60%	4,147	4,519	5,423	5,593	5,555	5,962	6,263	6,604	6,770	6,880	6,876	6,805	7,045	+4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality-40%	2,962	3,305	3,884	4,097	4,097	4,506	4,982	5,340	5,642	5,447	5,543	5,504	5,680	+3%
	Best powder 20%	1,597	1,780	2,081	2,179	2,222	2,496	2,705	2,810	3,103	2,867	3,008	2,959	3,040	+3%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,929	4,226	7,247	6,638	5,949	5,957	6,118	5,942	5,576	5,751	6,126	6,294	5,959	-5%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	3,758	4,081	7,000	6,424	5,734	5,742	5,974	5,762	5,396	5,535	5,909	6,114	5,778	-5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	6,970	7,440	10,905	10,456	8,709	8,721	8,277	8,102	7,374	8,267	8,648	8,811	8,486	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	6,355	6,790	10,535	10,242	8,852	8,864	8,457	8,282	7,554	7,979	8,360	8,595	8,270	-4%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,758	4,081	7,282	6,638	5,949	5,957	6,082	5,942	5,576	5,751	6,126	6,294	5,959	-5%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	3,553	3,828	7,035	6,424	5,734	5,742	5,830	5,762	5,396	5,535	5,909	6,114	5,778	-5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	6,901	7,368	10,905	10,349	8,601	8,613	8,349	8,354	7,374	8,267	8,612	8,631	8,306	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	6,491	6,934	10,570	10,099	8,709	8,721	8,457	8,210	7,554	7,979	8,288	8,415	8,089	-4%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,252	2,422	2,640	2,752	3,438	3,988	4,098	4,005	3,957	4,065	4,011	4,038	4,159	+3%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,710	4,845	4,841	6,954	6,876	6,896	7,256	7,237	7,279	7,132	7,248	6,874	7,129	+4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,020	3,668	5,134	6,084	6,034	6,038	6,047	6,324	5,371	5,206	5,085	4,941	4,233	-14%
	Best powder	3,840	4,429	5,354	7,968	7,858	7,963	8,537	7,940	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Morphine	3,384	3,599	3,814	5,940	5,823	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,639	-	-
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,775	4,637	5,721	7,823	7,717	6,924	6,972	7,870	7,067	6,989	6,876	6,444	7,278	+13%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,983	5,122	6,161	8,692	9,121	8,690	8,893	6,464	5,936	5,848	6,052	5,639	5,822	+3%
	Morphine	3,319	4,429	5,427	6,084	7,016	6,301	6,403	6,324	5,229	5,135	5,873	5,370	5,531	+3%
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,020	3,211	3,814	4,418	4,420	4,099	5,357	5,354	7,040	7,162	7,131	7,499	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,689	2,860	3,227	3,549	3,508	3,462	4,524	4,521	5,073	5,321	4,728	4,742	4,049	-15%
	Best powder	3,840	4,083	5,134	5,795	6,314	6,190	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,246	-
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 US\$

Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Sep-Aug) %
			Aug-24	Sep-24	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	752,000	759,000	+1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	522,000	526,000	+0.8%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	671,600	681,600	+1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	511,000	531,000	+4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	428,500	338,500	-21%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	490,000	432,000	-12%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	2,432,000	2,423,000	-0.4%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	2,212,000	2,080,000	-6%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	448,000	442,000	-1%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	225,000	218,000	-3%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	133,000	125,000	-6%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	104,000	100,000	-4%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality -60%	Afghani	420,000	415,000	-1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality -40%	Afghani	368,000	362,000	-2%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality -60%	Afghani	476,000	475,000	-0.2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality -40%	Afghani	385,000	383,000	-1%
	Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	207,000	205,000	-1%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,750,000	1,650,000	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,700,000	1,600,000	-6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,450,000	2,350,000	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,390,000	2,290,000	-4%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,750,000	1,650,000	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,700,000	1,600,000	-6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,400,000	2,300,000	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,340,000	2,240,000	-4%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	282,000	280,000	-1%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	480,000	480,000	0%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	345,000	285,000	-17%
	Bist powder	Afghani	-	-	-
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	450,000	490,000	+9%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	393,750	392,000	-0.4%
	Morphine	Afghani	375,000	372,400	-1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	523,624	-	-
Nimruz	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	331,130	272,601	-18%
	Bist powder	Afghani	-	285,899	-
	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.

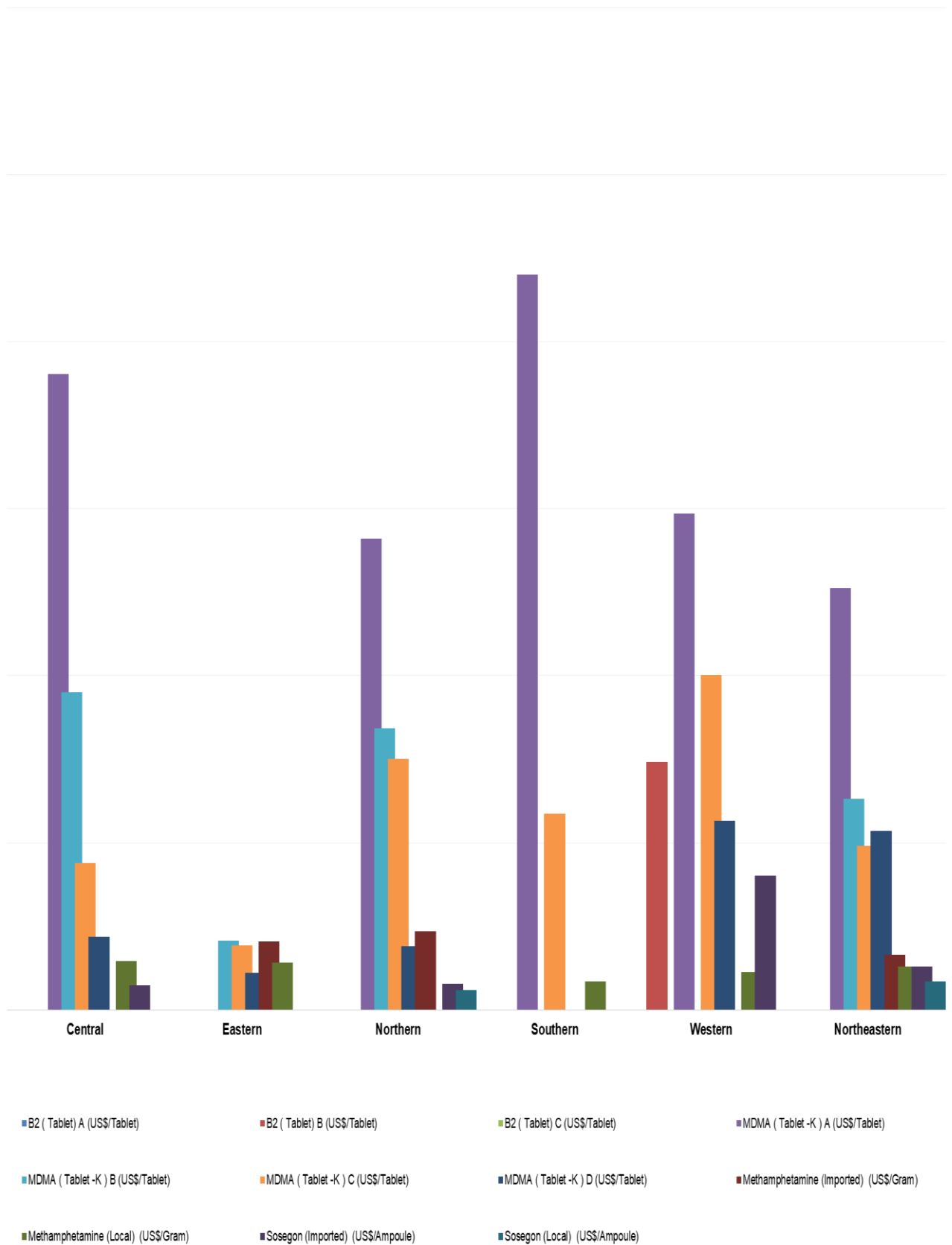
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details 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	Sep-24
Central	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.5
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.73
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	19.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	9.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	4.4
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.2
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.0
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.4
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	2.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	1.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	1.1
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
Northern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.3
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.8
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.4
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	1.9
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
Southern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.8
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	22.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
Western	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	4.0
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	10.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.7
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	7.4
Northeastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.6
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.3
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.3
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	12.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	6.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	4.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.3
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- September 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), Sep 2023–Sep 2024

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Types of resin	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Garda # 1	41	47	49	86	108	100	90	94	101	104	112	115	108	-6%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	36	39	42	64	79	72	65	68	69	72	77	79	76	-4%
Nangarhar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	21	25	28	43	57	54	50	52	56	54	61	68	65	-5%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	124	148	220	224	223	194	214	239	252	215	222	203	267	+32%
Faryab	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	103	121	176	188	195	166	185	204	208	186	189	171	223	+30%
Faryab	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	64	81	147	159	167	138	143	162	150	135	140	131	178	+35%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Garda # 1	108	135	176	189	194	189	199	216	230	218	232	192	297	+55%
Balkh	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	79	94	147	145	167	154	171	190	195	182	198	153	237	+55%
Balkh	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	41	54	117	116	139	140	142	157	172	163	175	123	178	+45%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Garda # 1	121	152	205	210	216	209	213	221	224	207	215	200	310	+55%
Baghlan	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	98	120	147	152	154	146	157	173	177	160	172	157	243	+55%
Baghlan	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	68	90	117	116	119	111	121	132	134	125	139	129	199	+55%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	189	187	208	217	217	210	213	218	207	213	236	243	260	+7%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	195	194	217	235	232	217	221	225	238	244	208	215	238	+11%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	71	74	189	182	94	92	92	116	96	100	124	144	136	-5%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	46	48	149	143	52	49	48	52	44	48	56	76	68	-10%
Kandahar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	247	249	264	275	295	277	299	302	233	221	236	215	252	+18%
Hirat	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	111	118	125	123	126	118	135	141	155	136	143	150	178	+19%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Garda # 1	116	111	125	180	193	205	184	217	218	210	251	243	263	+8%
Panjshir	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

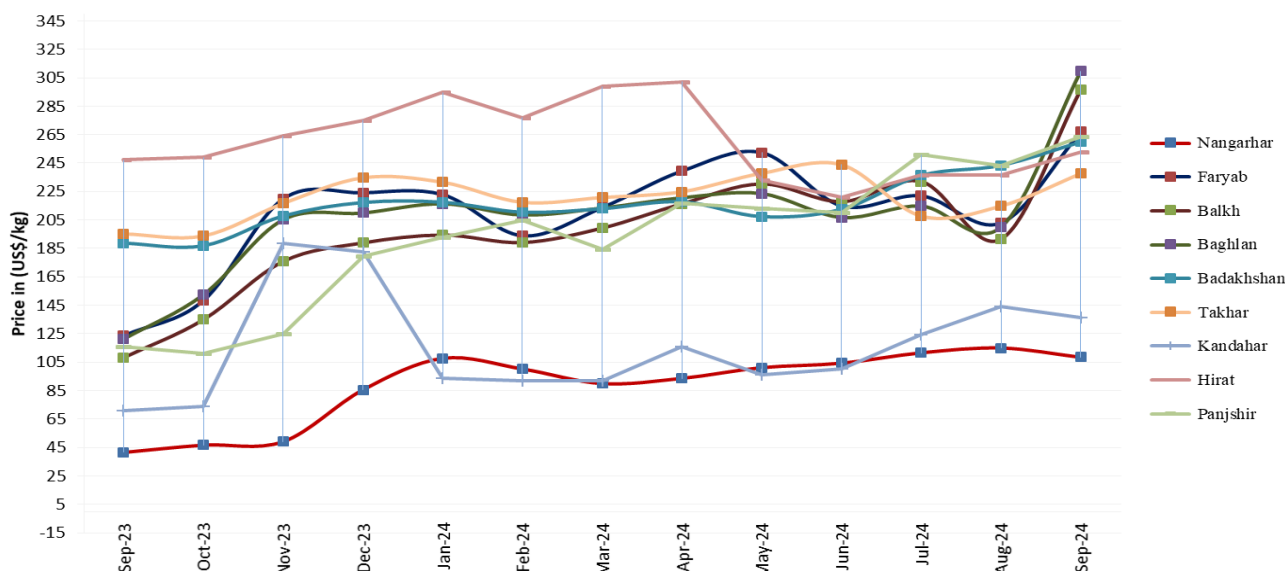
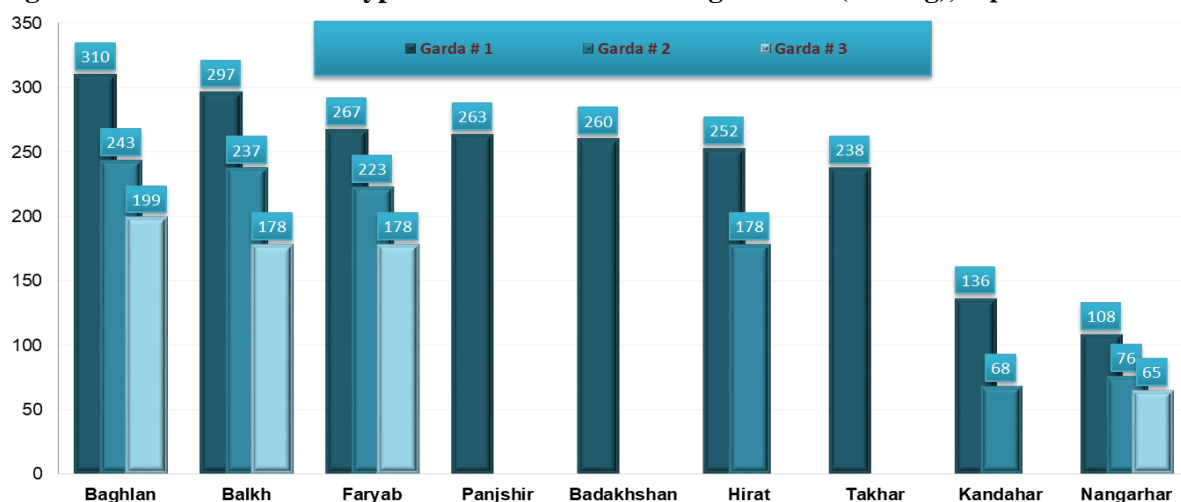


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), September 2024

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

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Sep-Aug) %
			Aug-24	Sep-24	
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	32,000	30,000	-6%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	22,000	21,000	-5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	19,000	18,000	-5%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	14,200	18,000	+27%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	12,000	15,000	+25%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	9,200	12,000	+30%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	13,400	20,000	+49%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	10,700	16,000	+50%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	8,600	12,000	+40%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	14,000	21,000	+50%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	11,000	16,500	+50%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	9,000	13,500	+50%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	17,000	17,500	+3%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	15,000	16,000	+7%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	40,000	37,778	-6%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	21,111	18,889	-11%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1	Afghani	15,000	17,000	+13%
	Garda # 2	Afghani	10,500	12,000	+14%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	17,000	18,000	+6%
	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, August 2024– September 2024

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change %
			Aug-24	Sep-24	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	95	84	-12%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	55	48	-13%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	115	-12%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	75	-6%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	75	70	-7%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	66	-6%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	75	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	70	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	110	-8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	70	-7%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	85	85	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	150	+15%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	85	80	-6%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	73	71	-2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	55	+3%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	73	71	-2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	55	+3%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	81	79	-2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	59	60	+3%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	68	-2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	56	57	+3%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	315	325	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	180	170	-6%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	200	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	180	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	125	-	-
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	180	170	-6%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	170	+31%

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

Types of seeds	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Increase / Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.882	0.923	0.929	0.924	0.933	1.105	1.016	0.980	1.105	1.054	0.920	0.882	0.940	+7%
Poppy seed	1.314	1.336	1.442	1.417	1.603	1.978	1.669	1.659	1.679	1.553	1.468	1.407	1.438	+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), Sep 2024

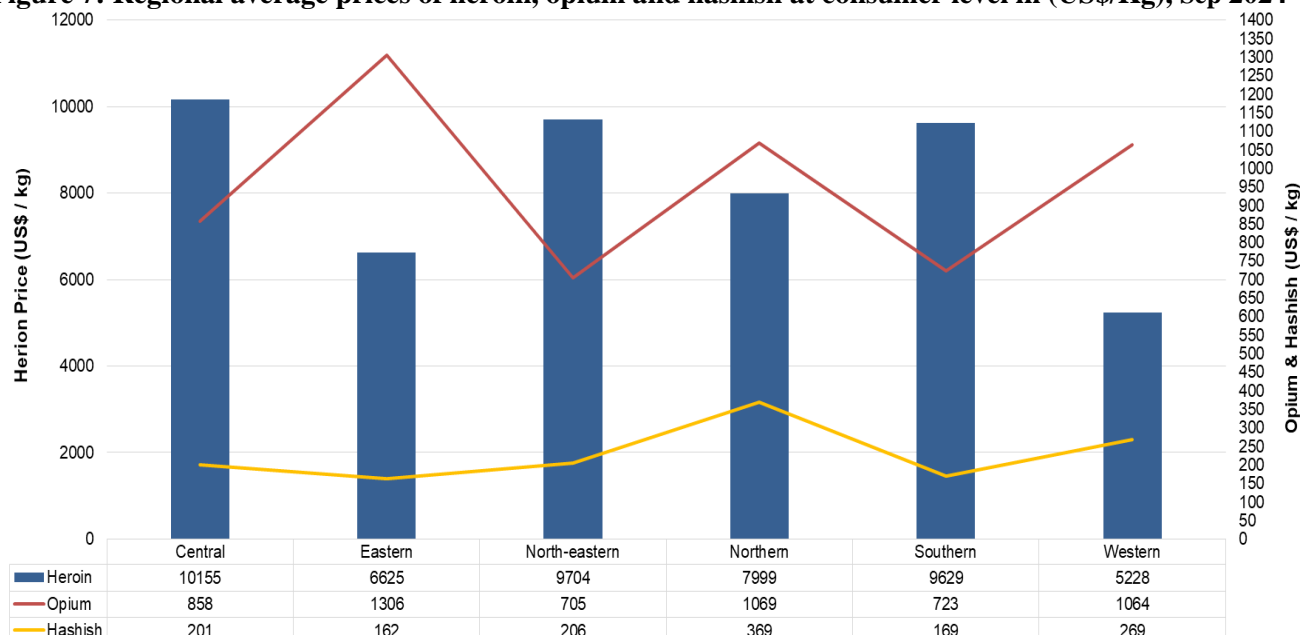


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Sep 23 – Sep 24

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Sep-Aug) (%)
	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	
Heroin	4,413	4,463	5,605	7,997	7,150	7,624	7,427	7,928	7,500	7,398	8,220	8,016	8,688	+8%
Opium	456	496	592	1,302	850	812	867	896	885	871	954	922	934	+1%
Hashish	148	165	216	264	214	214	210	226	224	217	226	224	234	+5%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	160	178	191	182	243	232	245	255	223	204	210	207	220	+6%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	66	72	91	143	122	119	126	133	145	155	159	166	155	-7%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	57	61	88	136	104	90	72	77	80	152	156	162	160	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	168	179	182	203	203	193	199	206	204	198	199	194	179	-8%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	85	92	108	116	131	134	103	105	109	96	114	112	120	+7%

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), August 2024– September 2024

Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Aug-24	Sep-24	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Northern	0.73	0.72	-0.5%
North-east	0.78	0.78	+0.4%
Western	1.28	1.15	-10%
Central	0.88	0.90	+3%
Southern	1.45	1.40	-4%
Eastern	1.07	1.03	-4%
Average Prices for Afghanistan	1.05	1.01	-4%

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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.

Table 18: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, September 2024

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Nangarhar	Wheat	-	27	0.4
Nangarhar	Cotton	-	98	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	95	1.4
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	44	0.7
Balkh	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	85	1.3
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	-	50	0.7
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	23	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	100	1.5
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	100	1.0
Takhar	Wheat	-	65	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	100	1.5
Takhar	Rice Local	-	59	0.9
Helmand	Wheat	-	23	0.3
Helmand	Cotton	-	127	1.9
Helmand	Rice Imported	-	76	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	-	26	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	-	132	1.9
Kandahar	Rice Imported	-	75	1.1
Hirat	Wheat	-	16	0.2
Hirat	Cotton	-	170	2.5
Hirat	Saffron	-	132000	1961
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	76	1.1
Hirat	Rice Local	-	58	0.9

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

Types of crops	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Increase / Decrease (%)
Wheat (Local)	0.36	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.43	0.46	0.38	0.33	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.33	+9%
Cotton	1.97	2.07	2.13	2.07	1.90	1.93	1.88	1.94	1.84	1.77	1.79	1.77	1.81	+2%
Saffron	852	911	969	1100	1014	982	1108	1736	1714	1668	1655	1776	1961	+10%
Rice (Imported)	1.42	1.51	1.50	1.56	1.51	1.64	1.53	1.55	1.46	1.42	1.36	1.29	1.29	+0.2%
Rice (Local)	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.88	0.95	0.98	1.10	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.79	0.81	0.82	+2%

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 the price of opium in Afghanistan: The average price of dry opium in Afghanistan has decreased compared to the previous month (1.5% and 1.2%) at the levels of farmers and traders, while the average price of fresh opium (4.5% and 1.5%) at the levels of farms and traders has also fallen. The **second reason** is the enforcement of laws to prevent the sale and purchase of opium within Afghanistan. The **third reason** for the decline of the Iranian Toman against the US dollar is the prevailing political conditions in the Middle East.

Changes in Opium Prices at the Regional Level:

- In the **western region**, the price of opium has decreased compared to a month ago. This decline is attributed, on one hand, to law enforcement, a decrease in opium buyers, and an increase in the supply of fresh opium. The narcotics trade has shifted from opium and heroin production to glass production. Additionally, the decline of the Iranian toman against the US dollar can be linked to the prevailing political conditions in the Middle East.
- In the **Northeast region**, the price of opium has fallen. The primary reason is the enforcement of laws and the destruction of Heroin factories. In the eastern region, the price of opium has also decreased compared to last month. This decline is due to the blocking of drug trafficking routes by security officials and the absence of opium smugglers in Laghman province.
- In the **northern region**, the price of opium has fallen compared to last month, likely due to the supply of opium from Pakistan in the provinces linked to this region. The price of opium in the central part of the region has also decreased compared to a month ago, possibly influenced by factors in other regions affecting the price of opium here.
- In the **central region** the price of opium has fallen compared to a month ago, influenced by factors from other regions affecting the price in this region.

- In the southern region, the price of opium has fallen compared to last month. The primary reason is the rise in opium production in Pakistan.

Second Part Cannabis:

The price of hashish has risen compared to a month ago, and the primary reason for the decline in hashish production is the destruction of farms in the country

Third Part Heroin:

Heroin is made from opium; the average price of opium in Afghanistan will decline due to the drop in heroin prices. Additionally, the destruction of heroin factories in the country contributes to this trend. The rise in heroin prices in dollars is not genuine; rather, it reflects a decrease in the value of the US dollar against the Afghani and Pakistani currencies.

Fourth Part Synthetic Drugs:

According to our analysis, synthetic drugs are mostly used by addicts. So on this basis, it can be said that the decrease in the price of synthetic drugs is due to the accumulation of addicts, because the main demand has decreased at the level of cities. The rise in the prices of certain synthetic drugs is not genuine, but rather a result of the decline in the exchange rate of the US dollar against the Afghani and Pakistani currencies.

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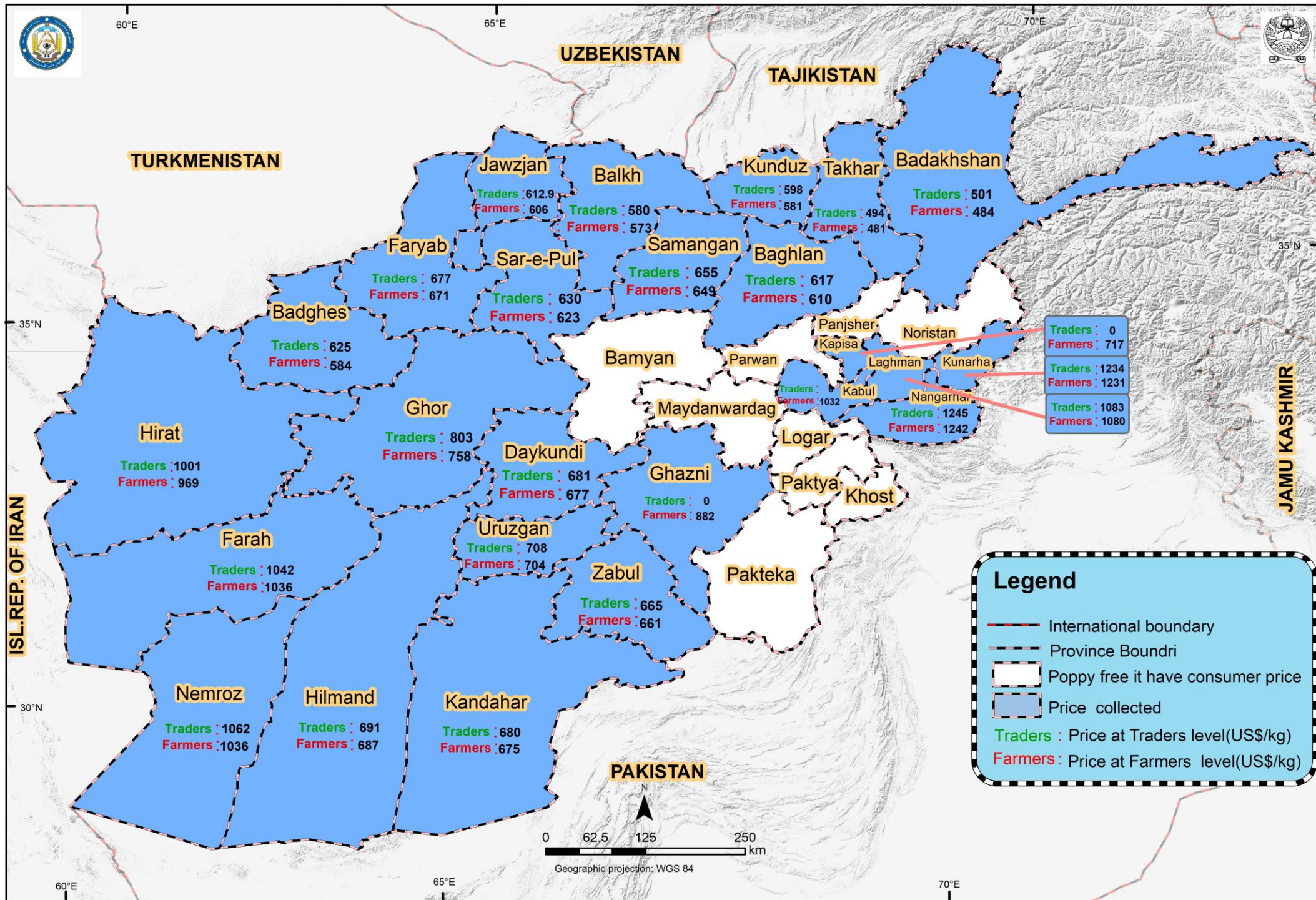
13. Methodology

- ❖ 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	174	171	25
Fresh Opium	114	108	21

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (September 2024)





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