

Question list for dataset A4. In-depth Interviews with Brokers on Drug Economy in Nangarhar and Nimroz provinces

Broker, Militia and Influentials Interviews

Section 1 - Personal background~history

Section 2 - Early Life (Daud Khan, Sahir Shah)

2.1 - What are your earliest memories

2.2 - Do you remember what life was like during this period~

What did the people do for living in their village~locale~

2.3 - Did many people have connections with Pakistan, Iran and Kabul during that time~ And to which extent were they traveling or commuting~

Section 3 - War years (1979-2001)

3.1 - What was life like for ordinary people during the war years

How was the people life during this period~

How were you and your family affected

3.2 - When were the worst times for the people living here~

3.3 - What was security like for ordinary people~ Can you recall any specific incidents of insecurity that affected you or your community~

3.3.1 - Which place could~couldn't you go~

3.4 - Who were the main political parties and how were their relationships with the people~

Did this change over time~

3.5 - What were the biggest changes you saw during this period~ (economic, social, political)

3.5.1 - Did some types of people or places become better or worse off during this period~

3.5.2 - How were people's livelihoods affected

How were they and their family affected~

What did people do to survive~

3.5.3 - Did some forms of economic activity become more or less important~ If so, which activities and why~

When were the moments of change i.e. when things suddenly got better or worse in terms of fighting or stability~

3.6 - What kinds of help did they receive during this period~ Government, international, relatives etc.

Did you migrate to Pakistan, Iran, Kabul or elsewhere~

Section 4 - Post 2001 period

4.1 - Describe how you and your family were affected by the change in government in 2001~ (security, livelihoods, local politics, social attitude etc.)

4.1.1 - What have been the main changes for you and your family in the years since 2001~ (Education, Health)

4.1.2 - What have been the main changes for you in the years since 2001~ (Development)

4.1.3 - What have been the main changes in women life since 2001~

4.2 - Which places in Nangarhar~Nimroz have become more or less wealthy~more or less secure since 2001 and why~

4.3 - Do you have relationships~networks across the border and have these changed since 2001~ If so, how and why~

4.4 - Have your expectations from the government (national, provincial, local) changed since the war years~ If so how~

4.5 - How do you compare the 2001 period to the past period~ Would you say what have caused improvement for you and your family~ Have something become worse~

4.6 - In your opinion, what are the main causes of growing Taliban insurgency in Nangarhar~Nimroz~ Are you~your family affected by this in any way~ What, if anything should be done about it~

What kind of support did they or their families personally receive from authorities since 2001~ Can you describe this support~ (government, NGO, military etc)

Section 5 - Specific questions

5.1 - What are the most important political and security challenges currently facing Nangarhar~Nimroz What kind of changes would be the most helpful~ How likely is it that these changes will happen~

How has local security changed since the new government came to power

5.2 - What would you say are the most important events to have impacted the cross-border trading business in Nangarhar~Nimroz since 2001~ Why~

5.3 - Can you describe how the trafficking of drugs and other illicit goods has impacted the economy of Nangarhar~Nimroz over time~ In your opinion, who benefits the most from this~

5.4 - Are there particular families or individuals that control or influence the cross-border trading business in Nangarhar~Nimroz~

How has the cross-border trade been affected since the Taliban returned to power~ Are the same people involved or have there been major changes in who is involved and successful~ Please give examples to illustrate

People trafficking & migration

5.5 - What have been the main challenges for cross-border traders~ How have these challenges developed over the time you have been involved in cross-border trade~

How are those challenges dealt with~ Who is able to deal with those challenges better, who is less prepared~

5.6 - Influential and respected people like you are often approached to help solving problems. How can you or respected people like you help solving problems that traders encounter

Can we discuss some examples

Do brokers compete each other in providing their services (e.g. mediators between clients and political patrons)~

How and why did you become a broker~problem solver for cross-border traders~ What were the circumstances that made you decide to engage~ What made you change your mind~

If you stop your intermediation and services for this trade, which opportunities and risks would the traders face with~

5.7 - Coercive Brokerage~Militias

5.7.1 - Personal relationship to militias

5.7.2 - Formation and function of armed groups in the area

5.7.2.1 - From your perspective, what has been the role and impact of local armed groups in your district and more generally, in Nimroz~Nangarhar, prior to the arrival of the new [Taliban] government

5.7.2.2 - What was the relationship between local armed groups in your area, the former government, and the Taliban

5.7.2.3 - How were local armed groups financed, how did they finance themselves

5.7.3 - Support and protection to the population ~ traders and traffickers

5.7.3.1 - Are there important traders, traffickers, business (legal or illegal) living and operating from his area

5.7.3.2 - Did such traders ~ traffickers ~ sarrafs ~ businessmen turn to commanders of armed groups to provide security for their businesses

5.7.3.3 - How did~do people from the local community approach you if they need his support or simply want to work or coordinate with him

5.7.3.4 - How has the situation regarding local armed men, the community and the government changed since the Taliban are in charge

5.7.4 - How important is political protection, political support for his success as commander

5.7.5 - How do you see the current political situation regarding the change of government for a peace in your district, in the province and in Afghanistan as a whole

5.8 - Comment

Did the drugs conflicts refer to the district during the time you were district governor~

What kind of political changes would be most helpful for the cross-border business and for the services you provide as a facilitator~problem-fixer~mediator~

What qualities do you have as a problem-solver~ Which connections are important and which challenges have you faced, what motivates you to help others with the issues they face in cross-border trade~

Section 6 - cases, narratives from interview