

# *Afghanistan's Opium Poppy Crop Hits Record High, Despite \$7 Billion in U.S. Funds*

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Kabul, November 20 (RHC)-- The cultivation of opium poppies in Afghanistan reached an all-time high last year, despite more than \$7 billion in U.S. funds to combat the drug trade.

In a recent report, the special inspector general for Afghanistan reconstruction, John Sopko, said the record levels "[call] into question the long-term effectiveness and sustainability" of U.S. efforts.

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