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The World's Women 2005: Progress in Statistics

Many reports have been written about missing girls in Asia. But do we know how many are missing? No one really knows. The reason is simple: the national statistics on this issue are also missing. A groundbreaking new study published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs argues that strong statistical capacity and strong gender programs go hand-in-hand.

In this episode, the report's principal author, Mary Chamie, the Chief of the UN Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, took us behind the scenes to review the processes of data collection, and the huge gaps in data needed to understand how poverty affects women. She also offered a fresh perspective on the important role of statistics: they record not only numbers, but also logical stories reflecting people's lives."

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