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From 2012 to 2015, Lewis served as a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) specialist with IRI's Office of Monitoring and Evaluation, where she conducted internal evaluations of IRI programs, including in Colombia, Indonesia, Kenya, Peru, South Sudan and Ukraine. In 2013, she co-led a needs assessment mission that included data collection in five countries and with multi-sector stakeholders to inform a Strategy for International Democratization Support to Somaliland.

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