

BOARD TRAINING WORKSHOP

August, 7 – 9 2014



EFANet conducted capacity building for its Board members and partners on Governance, Advocacy and Monitoring & Evaluation. The main objective of the training was to equip the new board members and support them with relevant skills and ideas in management, advocacy and governance. As part of the training, the principle of Governance, roles, fiduciary and oversight functions of board member was explored with the participants by the well knowledgeable and experienced facilitator; Baboucarr O. Joof who emphasized the importance of the board in setting the strategic direction and ensuring that institution's mission is well defined for the realization of its vision. Mr. Joof also discussed the need to ensure accountability and transparency for the viability of the organization.

Mr. Njundu Drammeh a veteran child right activist and advocate also dwelled on the theme of leadership noting that leadership qualities and principles such as integrity, loyalty, commitment, building consensus, and participation are essential in creating a strategic vision and success of the Network. Mr. Drammeh described advocacy as influencing specific policies affecting a group of people and changing the way decision-making happens into a more inclusive and responsive process. He highlighted that advocacy is about seeking to change institutions, policies, practices, perceptions and social structures in a bid to ensure social justice and the rights of marginalized groups in society. The engagement and importance of different stages of the advocacy cycle was also thoroughly discussed. In this regard, the main objective of the session was for board member to familiarized themselves with the advocacy process in order to be able to participate in the advocacy activities of the Network.

In addition, Modou Sarr a consultant who design the EFANet M & E system also presented and discussed the main purpose of a monitoring and evaluation system. The participants were trained on the use of the monitoring and reporting tools