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GRAHN opened the year with a bang by launching the first-ever edition of *KOUS LENDEPANDANS* in Milot on January 14. It was broadcast live via YouTube. A crowd of spellbound citizens participated in this event where youngsters aged from 9 to 11 ran 1 to 1.5 km races. Although this was the first time this event took place in Milot, the Osaka Foundation has been hosting such celebrations for the past 3 years in Jacmel, where it has a huge campus forming athletes. This race in Milot was a collaborative effort between GRAHN and the Osaka Foundation via its Ottawa branch. GRAHN thusly christened its program of infusing athletics in its school curriculum in Génipallier, the site of *Cité du savoir*, a community in the making. The race received the participation of the local authorities and the citizenry and evolved nary any hiccup. A festive atmosphere lurked in the background as proud brethren came to partake in this event, an antidote to the sad happenings in the country.



Some of the champions

AMHE-GRAHN AMBULATORY HEALTH CENTER



The construction of the Center is in its final stretch. Curbside enhancement, as well as furnishing, will begin. This second phase of the project will open the door for the harder part: how to make it

operationally a success and avoid pitfalls of other similar efforts that ended up as a white elephant. Being mindful of this, the steering committee is hard at work to develop a plan to recruit qualified personnel and implement the right policies to ensure the smooth operation of the Center. This will be a tall order but not an impossible one. One of the goals is the establishment of telemedicine, and this will widen the catchment area of the targeted population. The intent is to phase in the offerings until activities will occur at full speed. The opening should be for the spring because all the kinks need to be ironed out. We will keep you abreast.