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In these last days the President of Lebanon Aoun and the Maronite Patriarch Bechara Boutros al-Rahi have made appeals asking to support and help the return of Syrian refugees from Lebanon to their own country.

During UN assembly, President Aoun voiced his dissent of "the international political approaches for the Middle East" and Syria and reminded that it is necessary to help Syrian people who now live in refugee camps in Lebanon to return to Syrian safe and stable areas.

The Maronite Patriarch asked the international community to promote with all necessary means a safe and permanent return of refugees to their country. There are more than 1.800.000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

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In his last letter, Archbishop Jeanbart reminded us the commitment and all the efforts that have been already done but also that there is still a lot to do for Syrian people and the community in Aleppo. "Our assistance has evolved since 2016 and we are now putting our efforts into consolidating the material and social conditions of Christians in order to help them stay here in their country.

We have maintained a good number of programs of humanitarian aid, which we had described in "The Hand of Providence" two years ago.

But we are now doing more towards the movement "To Build is the Stay": education, lodging, reconstructing homes, moral support and financial aid towards small projects as well as help to return to the country, undertaken in the program we launched last year "Aleppo is Waiting for You". These are our priorities right now."

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We are following closely the development of the program "To build is the stay" in the Diocese of Aleppo, that helps many families.

"The program "To Build is To Stay », is going full swing and is helping many families. More than 1000 houses and workplaces have been rebuilt up to now and 260 interest-free loans have been granted to the many entrepreneurs who want to start their business or workshop.

Until now, 55 people have been able to return to Aleppo and about 30 more are waiting the decision of the committee in charge of the program "Aleppo is Waiting for You" to return home. Our habitat project is now completing the 66 apartments destined for the newly-weds and for the young people returning to Aleppo."

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