A SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR JOURNEY
Frontiers is an inspirational five-part documentary series that follows three social entrepreneurs from Samoa, Pakistan, and Myanmar for six months as they try to solve some of humanity’s greatest challenges.

Despite their starkly different upbringings, Mike Lwin and Dr Yar Zar Minn Htoo have a shared passion for improving the livelihoods of those living in Myanmar through their software company, Koe Koe Tech. Growing up in suburban America, Mike’s life was easy, but he knew that there were many people in Myanmar whose lives could be improved through the use of technology; he had watched as his cousin Yar Zar teach himself to type on a second-hand keyboard and work his way out of poverty to become a doctor and software engineer. With social impact at their core, Mike and Yar Zar are focused on making Myanmar a better place. Yet after decades of military rule in Myanmar, there are a lot of problems to solve.
In Karachi, Pakistan, Makkiya Jawed similarly fights for the rights of her people, in this case, campaigning against centuries of tradition and the uniquely complex “Doctor Bride” phenomenon through her health-tech business, Sehat Kahani. By bringing healthcare services to underserved communities through technology, Makkiya aims to redefine the healthcare sector and better provide for the people of Pakistan. It’s an audacious goal, given the many social and cultural barriers that exist for women.

Sam Saili is a village chief and drone entrepreneur from the island nation of Samoa. Rising sea levels and natural disasters are becoming more and more frequent, posing ever more of a threat to the islands in the Pacific. As a matai - or village leader - Sam has a responsibility to protect and support the people of his community. Sam therefore begins a journey to expand his business, SkyEye Pacific, to other Pacific nations, motivated by his desire to see more Pacific solutions to the climate crisis created by Pacific people.
Frontiers was produced by the Scaling Frontier Innovation program - an initiative of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - to highlight the social and environmental impact that can be achieved by supporting impact focused entrepreneurs in emerging markets. The Scaling Frontier Innovation program acts with an intentional gender lens to provide direct support to 14 innovators; capacity building for 30+ incubators and accelerators across Asia-Pacific; support for experiments that are directing more capital towards social entrepreneurs; and, support to organisations building the impact investing market in Southeast Asia.