

**Table 2 Nine key responsibilities of a national BFHI programme (5)**

1. Establish or strengthen a national breastfeeding coordination body.
2. Integrate the Ten Steps into relevant national policy documents and professional standards of care.
3. Ensure the competency of health professionals and managers in implementation of the Ten Steps.
4. Utilize external assessment systems to regularly evaluate adherence to the Ten Steps.
5. Develop and implement incentives for compliance and/or sanctions for non-compliance with the Ten Steps.
6. Provide technical assistance to facilities that are making changes to adopt the Ten Steps.
7. Monitor implementation of the Initiative.
8. Advocate for the BFHI to relevant audiences.
9. Identify and allocate sufficient resources to ensure the ongoing funding of the Initiative.