**Step 4. Message Strategy Template**

*See an “Illustrative SBCC Strategy for Breastfeeding in the Implementation Kit to support FBO-led Breastfeeding Interventions: Program Guide” for global-level sample audience segments.*

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| **PRIMARY AUDIENCE 1: PREGNANT WOMEN AND MOTHERS OF CHILDREN UNDER 2 YEARS OLD** |
| **OBJECTIVES** |
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| **KEY PROMISE** |
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**Step 4. Message Strategy Checklist**

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| Message Strategy | Yes | No | Suggestions/Notes |
| Objectives |  |  |  |
| * Does every objective have at least one corresponding message?
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| * Will the program be able to measure achievement of every objective?
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| * Is every objective essential to measure?
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| * Which are the most important 3 objectives?
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| * Which are the least important 3 objectives?
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| * Are there more than 5 objectives for any audience?
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| * If so consider dropping at least the 3 least important.
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| * Do you know how each objective will be measured?
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| * Are there any extra (unnecessary) words in any of the objectives?
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| * Does every objective state what the target audience should think, feel, or do?
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| * Does every objective reflect a challenge raised in the local situation analysis?
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| * Does every objective contribute significantly to achieving the program goal?
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| * Is every objective SMART?
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| * Does it focus on a Specific thought, feeling, or action?
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| * How will it be Measured? What amount of change represents success?
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| * Can it be Attained? Is it achievable?
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| * Is it Relevant and worth achieving?
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| * What are the start and end dates?
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| Positioning |  |  |  |
| * Does the positioning statement express a unique benefit that is highly important to the audience segment?
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| * Does the positioning statement have a strong emotional appeal for the audience segment?
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| * Is the positioning statement likely to appeal strongly to the audience segment?
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| * Can staff develop messages and approaches around the positioning statement?
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| * Does the positioning statement make breastfeeding stand out for the audience segment?
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| * Does the positioning statement reflect how the program wants the audience segment to feel about breastfeeding?
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| Key Promise |  |  |  |
| * Does the key promise highlight the main benefit of optimal breastfeeding practices?
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| * Will the audience segment agree that it is the main benefit for them?
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| * Will the audience segment feel that the chosen benefit is worth the cost?
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| Support Statement |  |  |  |
| * Is the support statement credible?
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| * Does/will the audience segment respect the sources quoted? If not, what sources will the audience segment respect?
 |  |  |  |
| * Will the audience find the reasons and data compelling?
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| * Does the support statement contain an emotional element that will speak to the audience segment?
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| Key Messages |  |  |  |
| * Are there more than 5 messages for any audience segment? (The general rule is 3-5 messages per audience)
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| * Does each message address a behavioral driver identified in local research for the audience segment?
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| * Is the message relevant for the regions and ethnic group where it will be used?
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| * Is the message about something the audience can actually do?
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| * Is the message believable?
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| * Is the message easy to understand?
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| * Is the message framed in a respectful way?
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| * Does the message convey something essential for the audience to know?
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| * Does the message convey something that is nice to know but not essential? (Is so, drop it.)
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| * Does the message support to the positioning statement?
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| * Does the message stand out?
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| * Is the message simple and direct?
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| * Is it clear what benefit the audience receives if they take the action?
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| * Are all messages consistent?
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| * Can the message be conveyed across different channels?
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| * Is the message credible?
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| * What source will make the message most credible?
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| * Does the message use emotion as well as logic and facts?
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| * Does the message clearly communicate what the audience should do?
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