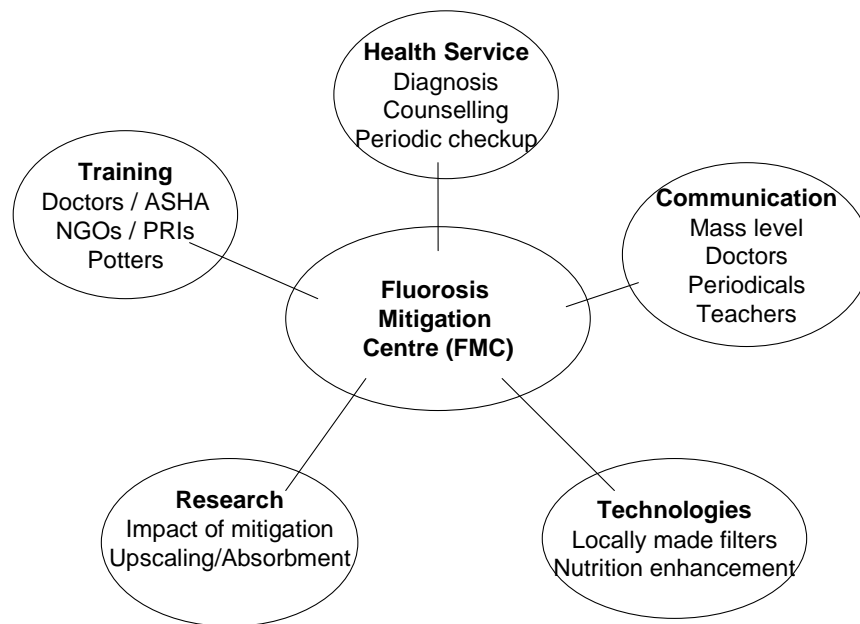


The Fluorosis Mitigation Centre (FMC) is a unique concept which is being envisaged as growing into a regional resource centre for Fluorosis. The FMC is a one-stop location for all information on Fluorosis and can play a crucial role in coordinating various efforts of different government departments – drinking water, health, watershed, livelihood, education, Panchayat, NGOs, hospitals, doctors, universities, schools, external experts, people’s institutions and all interested contributors on one platform. The FMC in Jhabua (MP) has already begun to play this role and the current response from stakeholders affirms our expectation for the need for such a centre in every region afflicted with Fluorosis.

**Figure 1: Concept of Fluorosis Mitigation Centre**



Our FMC – Jhabua opened on Monday, August 2, 2010. Since then it has carried out a range of activities that have positioned it into a local resource centre on this subject. By carrying out district level surveys, development of local technologies, intensive communication aiming at behavioral change and influencing policies through workshops and mass communication, the FMC is now showing a model for replication in other Fluorosis affected areas too. Some of the achievements of FMC-Jhabua as of June 2012 are listed:

- A survey of Dental Fluorosis of 50 schools of Jhabua
- Developing water filter and nutrition products for fluorosis mitigation
- Communication programme with 6 villages
- Implementing mitigation programme in 2 villages
- Spreading Water filter to 40 families and Nutrition products to 100 patients
- Training to ANM and ASHA field health workers