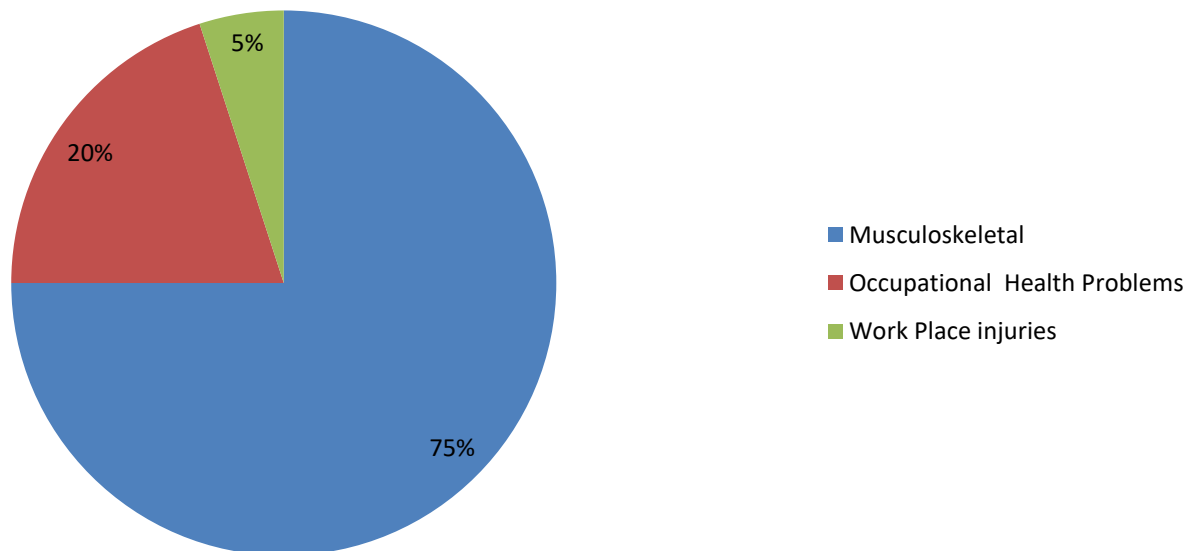
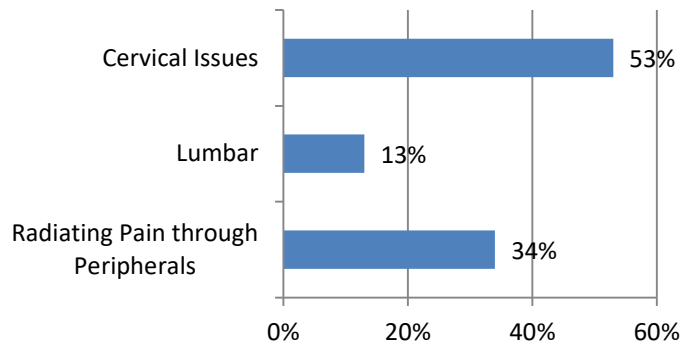


# WORK RELATED HEALTH ISSUES AMONG WOMEN WORKERS IN SEAFOOD PROCESSING UNITS IN CENTRAL ZONE, KERALA

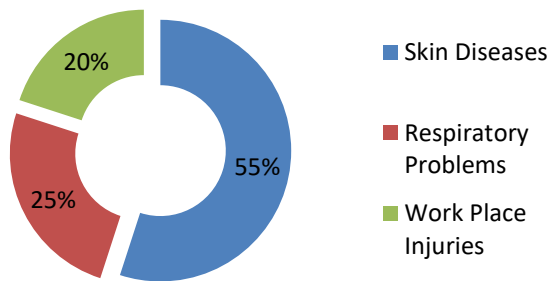
- **Women are the dominant labour force in seafood processing units**
- **Health Related issues among workers**
- 75% of women workers are facing musculoskeletal disorder
- 20% of them having occupational allergic reactions
- 5% face work place injuries



## Musculoskeletal disorders



Awkward postures or repetitive movements for long periods create musculoskeletal disorders



## Occupational allergic reactions and work place injuries

Regular use of chlorine and chemical agents, working without using proper measures or equipment creates certain skin diseases like contact dermatitis, allergic rashes etc.

The cold environment in the units, usage of ice creates several respiratory problems including asthma, allergy, etc.

The slippery environment in the units due to work creates work place injuries.

# Conclusion

- Majority of the floor level women workers are facing musculoskeletal disorder and occupational allergic reactions. The authorities have to consider strict measures to provide the basic medical check ups. Facilities including regular medical camps are more beneficial to the workers.

Thank You