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## Chapter 3: Methodology

## 3.1 Introduction

In this chapter, I will explain the approach taken to develop the Legal Aid Beyond Bars web platform. It outlines the method used to analyze and design the system, the tools and technologies selected, and the expected results. The goal is to ensure the project is structured, efficient, and delivers a scalable solution that connects imprisoned women in Kenya with volunteer lawyers offering free legal aid.

## 3.2 System Methodology

For this project, I chose the Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) methodology. This approach works well because it breaks down the system into objects—real-world entities like users (imprisoned women, wardens, lawyers) and how they interact with the platform (for example, submitting legal cases, verifying details, and assigning lawyers).

OOAD helps keep the system modular and flexible, making it easier to maintain and scale up in the future. Here’s a brief overview of the steps involved:

**Gathering requirements:** Understanding what the users need and the problems the project aims to solve.

**Analysis:** Creating diagrams and models that represent how the system should behave and the data it needs.

**Design:** Planning how the system will look in detail, including what classes and methods it will have.

**Implementation:** Writing the actual code based on the designs.

**Testing:** Checking that everything works as expected.

I selected OOAD because it models real-world relationships closely, which is essential given the multiple roles and processes in the Legal Aid Beyond Bars system. This method also supports iterative improvements, which is useful as requirements may change.

## 3.3 System Analysis

This phase focuses on understanding what the system needs to do and how it should behave.

**Use Case Diagram:** This shows the main users—imprisoned women (or those representing them), wardens, lawyers volunteering their time, and administrators—and what each can do on the platform, such as submitting legal aid requests or approving lawyer registrations.

**System Sequence Diagram:** This maps out the order of actions for key processes, like submitting a case and assigning it to a lawyer.

**Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD):** This illustrates how the main data entities (like inmates, cases, wardens, lawyers, and admins) relate to each other.

## 3.4 System Design

Here, the analysis models are translated into detailed designs that will guide system development.

**Class Diagram:** This shows the different classes (such as Inmate, Case, Warden, Lawyer, Admin), their attributes (data fields), and methods (functions).

**Sequence Diagram:** Provides step-by-step flows for specific use cases, such as user registration or case verification.

**Activity Diagram:** Visualizes workflows, like how a legal aid request moves through submission, verification, and assignment.

**Wireframes/Mockups:** Sketches of the user interfaces for key parts of the system, like logins, case submission forms, and dashboards.

## 3.5 System Development Tools and Technologies

This section explains the tools and technologies used, with reasons for their selection.

**Programming Languages and Frameworks:** The platform will be a web application, using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for the front end, with a backend framework like Django or Node.js to create a secure and responsive site.

**Database:** A relational database such as MySQL or PostgreSQL will store system data, ensuring relationships among users, cases, and roles are properly managed.

**Security:** User authentication will use secure password management techniques to protect sensitive information.

**Development Environment:** Development will take place using tools such as Visual Studio Code for coding, Git for version control, and testing frameworks to ensure reliability.

## 3.6 Deliverables

The project aims to deliver the following:

A functional prototype of the Legal Aid Beyond Bars platform, including user registration, case submission, verification, and lawyer assignment features.

Complete system analysis and design documentation with relevant diagrams.

Tested system modules, with documentation of test results.

A full project report covering all stages from concept to implementation.

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